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NEWSWATCH



Graf wins US Open

World number one Steffi Graf retained her US Open women's tennis title by beating Martina Navratilova 3-6 7-5 6-1 in the final on Saturday.

Hit men captured

BOGOTA, Sept. 9. (Agencies): The Bogota police today captured four "hit men" from the Medellin cocaine cartel who doubled as bodyguards for the wife of fugitive drug kingpin Pablo Escobar.

Also today, a leading newspaper, citing inside military sources, reported that the Colombian army had captured a large cache of weapons and ammunition in the town of Medellin.

Reform bank law

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (Reuters): The United States will ask foreign governments to reform banking laws to combat drug money laundering through the world's banking system, US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said in a taped television interview today.

Gorbachev warns

MOSCOW, Sept. 9. (Kuna): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev today warned against the current state of unrest, characterised by wide labour strikes and ethnic riots, saying it discredited perestroika.

Honecker surgery

HAMBURG, Sept. 9. (AP): Communist East German leader Erich Honecker is weak but recovering from successful gall bladder surgery, a West German magazine reported today.

Hurricane weakens

MIAMI, Sept. 9. (UPI): Hurricane Gabrielle weakened to 90 mph (145 kph) today as it moved over the North Atlantic in the direction of Nova Scotia, forecasters at the National Hurricane Centre said.

Support for Swap

NICOSIA, Sept. 9. (Reuters): President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani told the leader of the South West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo) today that he had Iran's full backing.

Official visit

BONN, Sept. 9. (Kuna): India's President R. Venkataraman will pay an official visit to Bonn Sept. 17-22 at the invitation of West German President, a government spokesman said last night giving no other details.

'India to leave by Dec 31'

Lanka opposition seeks provisional govt

COLOMBO, Sept. 9. (Agencies): India has agreed to withdraw its peacekeeping troops from Sri Lanka by Dec 31, two months earlier than it previously offered, a senior government official said today.

The agreement of the withdrawal date was reached by Indian and Sri Lankan officials during a meeting of non-aligned nations in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, the official said on condition of not being identified.

In New Delhi, an Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman said he had "no news" on the agreement.

Benjeddid fires PM

Aide picked to form Algerian cabinet

ALGIERS, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Algerian President Chadli Benjeddid sacked Prime Minister Kasdi Merbah today and replaced him with a senior presidential aide, the President's office announced.

A communiqué released by the Algerian news agency APS said Benjeddid had asked Mouloud Hamrouche, secretary-general of the presidency, to form a new cabinet.

"The President of the republic, after having received this morning Kasdi Merbah, announced he has terminated his functions," the statement said.



As armed forces divers look on, salvage workers hoist wreckage of a Snowbird aerobatic jet from Lake Ontario in Toronto. The jet crashed into the lake during an airshow on Sept 3 after colliding with another aircraft. (Reuters wirephoto)



A file photo of a US-built Convair operated by the Norwegian charter company Partnair. (Reuters wirephoto)

Crash plane carried PM Oslo mourns

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 9. (Agencies): Forty ships and a helicopter searched today for bodies from a Norwegian charter plane with 55 people aboard that crashed in the North Sea off Denmark's West Coast, Denmark's public radio said.

The 50 passengers, all employees of the Wilhelmsen Lines Shipping Company of Oslo, and five crew members were presumed dead. Officials said the plane had virtually disintegrated.

Three women passengers carried British passports but lived in Norway, their employer said.

The twin-engine CV-580 Convair Turboprop plane was en route from Oslo, Norway to Hamburg, West Germany, when it went down 16 nautical miles (30 kilometres) north of the Danish fishing port of Hirtshals yesterday.

The British passport holders were identified as Ann Blain, 33, Margaret Carlsen, 49 and Joan Jakobsen, 51, said Wilhelmsen executive Helge Bjørnerud. He said he believed all three were married to Norwegians.

Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland, who flew in the twin-engine plane two weeks ago during an election tour of Norway, announced party leaders had cancelled all further campaigning for Monday's general election.

"This is a major tragedy. The only decent thing to do is to stop campaigning," said Brundtland.

Candidates called a truce in campaigning for Norway's Sept 11 national elections because the country was in official mourning today over the worst airline disaster in its history.

In Oslo, the shipping company released the passenger list after notification of relatives. Thirty-eight men and 17 women were on board.

\$809,600 net

Cory opens purse

MANILA, Sept. 9. (AP): President Corazon Aquino has declared a net worth of more than 17 million pesos (\$809,600), a presidential statement said today.

Mrs Aquino and six of her cabinet members revealed their assets and liabilities today, and other cabinet level ministers were to disclose their personal worths later. Copies of the documents were released by the presidential palace.

In the statement, Mrs Aquino said her assets included more than 13 million pesos (\$590,600) in cash and bank deposits, 6 million pesos (\$272,500) in investments and a million pesos (\$45,000) worth of jewellery, paintings and furniture.

Her liabilities totalled more than 6.7 million pesos (\$305,000), mostly in "payable accounts" and taxes.

Promise

Roberto Villanueva, who oversees how money given by donor countries under the Philippine assistance programme is spent reported a net worth of more than 75 million pesos (\$3.4 million), the highest among the initial six cabinet members who submitted their statements.

Catalino Macaraig, Mrs Aquino's executive secretary, reported a net worth of 14 million pesos (\$636,000) with no liabilities.

Mrs Aquino's disclosure of her wealth was in fulfilment of a promise she gave shortly after a popular uprising ousted 20-year ruler President Ferdinand Marcos in February 1986 and installed her to power.

Marcos has been accused of stealing billions of dollars from the Philippine treasury during his administration.



Mother Teresa... critical

Mother Teresa suffers setback

Pacemaker to be fitted

CALCUTTA, Sept. 9. (Agencies): Medical officials announced today that Mother Teresa will fit Mother Teresa with a temporary pacemaker because the Nobel prize-winning nun suffered a setback today and was not responding to medication.

"Her rising temperature is causing some anxiety," the nursing home said. "There is also irregularity of pulse."

Mother Teresa's longtime cardiologist in Rome was contacted by telephone and officials indicated he might travel to Calcutta.

The decision came after a conference between Mother Teresa's cardiologist and Dr Moni Chhetri, an eminent cardiac expert in Calcutta.

"On review of Mother's condition, it was found her irregular pulse continued and it was not adequately responding to medications," said a statement from the Woodland Nursing Home, where she was being treated.

Brother P.J. Das, an assistant to the Nobel laureate, said the 79-year-old Catholic nun suffered a minor setback at midday today when her temperature shot up again.

The officials said the pacemaker would be fitted late today.

Mother Teresa ate a light lunch and rested during the day after doctors reported she suffered a setback with a rising temperature and a return of the irregular heart beat that prompted doctors to place her in an intensive care unit four days ago.

Two vacant city-owned buildings in the South Bronx were signed over to Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity yesterday to provide temporary housing for 64 homeless men.

18 shot; intifada enters month 22

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (AP): Palestinians closed their shops and transportation ground to a halt in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip today as Arabs marked the beginning of the 22nd month of the uprising against Israeli occupation.

In the occupied territories, troops shot and wounded 18 Palestinians, including a 60-year-old woman and a 32-year-old man, who was in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the chest, hospital officials said.

Near the West Bank town of Beit Hanina, an Israeli policeman sustained serious burns when his car was firebombed early this morning.

Jerusalem police spokesman Lizi Sandouri said. He said the officer was returning to his Jerusalem home and was out of uniform and driving a private car.

Meanwhile, an army spokesman said 220 Palestinians suspected of being local uprising leaders have been arrested in the last two weeks in a series of raids on towns and villages in the occupied territories.

Also today, more than 20 Katyusha rockets fell on UN and Israeli positions in southern Lebanon, causing slight damage, but no injuries, the army and a UN spokesman said.

The UN spokesman, who could not be identified, said 10 of the rockets landed in territory patrolled by UN peacekeepers, including three that exploded near a local UN headquarters.

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Mubarak 'initiative' gaining currency

CAIRO, Sept. 9. (AP): President Hosni Mubarak said today Palestinian leaders offered no objections to ideas he proposed to supplement an Israeli peace plan but still are considering their final position.

Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, is coming to Cairo "very soon to discuss all questions connected with the Palestinian problem," Mubarak said.

Egyptian and PLO sources said Mubarak sent 10 questions to Israel in July seeking to clarify the Shamir plan. Relayed by touring US congressmen, the questions dealt with points that could be regarded as a supplemental package to Shamir's plan, they said.

The sources said these points included acceptance by Israel of the US-backed concept of trading land for peace, participation in the vote by 140,000 Palestinian inhabitants of Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem, international observers as election overseers, withdrawal of Israeli troops from polling areas, an Israeli commitment to an opening date for talks on a final settlement, and an end to construction of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Shamir opposes relinquishing any part of the occupied territories or giving the vote to Palestinians of East Jerusalem. He wants Israelis to supervise elections.

Arafat and Mubarak met yesterday in Tunis during a brief visit by Mubarak to the Tunisian capital. "Mr Arafat currently is studying the (Egyptian) initiative," Mubarak said.

"The Palestinians received the (Egyptian) initiative and none of them objected to anything in it," Mubarak said today.

Reports from Washington this week said the United States warmly received the proposals. US officials said President George Bush's administration wants to build Arab and Israeli support for it as a way out of the current impasse in peace efforts.

"Mubarak's approach is a way of getting the election proposal to take a few steps forward," said a US official.

US turns to Zahir Shah

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (Kuna): In a major policy shift, the Bush administration, signalling disappointment with the Afghan resistance's foundering interim government, has sent a senior US diplomat to open discussions with former Afghan King Zahir Shah in Rome on what role he might play in a political settlement of Afghanistan's civil war, administration officials disclosed here today.

For years, Washington has ignored the deposed monarch while the US-armed Afghan resistance based in Peshawar, Pakistan, sought to defeat the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul and set up its own government.

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Rebel rockets kill 6 in Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Six people were killed and eight wounded today when Afghan rebels fired three rockets at Kabul, the official Kabul Radio said.

It was the first attack reported since Tuesday.

The radio, monitored in Islamabad, also reported a big victory for the Soviet-backed government's forces northeast of the eastern city of Khost, besieged by rebels.

ANKARA, Sept. 9. (AP): An outbreak of cholera in southern western and southeastern Turkey has reportedly killed at least 39 people and sickened scores of others, newspapers reported today.

Mayor Fauri Balik in the southeastern province of Gaziantep told the daily Gunaydin that 39 people, including 30 babies, have died of cholera in the past 37 days.

The Istanbul Daily Gunes quoted Gov. Husnu Tuglu as saying 28 people were admitted to a hospital in Gaziantep province with symptoms of the disease.

Dr Hamdi Memisoglu of Cukurova University Medical School told the Istanbul daily Milliyet that 10 people were diagnosed with the disease in the southern Adana province. Health Minister Halil Sivgin flew to Adana today to follow up on efforts to end the outbreak.

Halil Cevik, the mayor of southeastern Sanliurfa province, also told the Gunes that 17 people were hospitalised there with symptoms of cholera.

Turkish newspapers also said dozens of people were suffering from an intestinal infection in the western provinces of Istanbul and Bursa.

Turkey fights outbreak of cholera; 39 die

NEWS IN BRIEF

Yeltsin leaves

MOSCOW, Sept 9, (Reuters): Soviet Communist Party radical Boris Yeltsin flew to the United States today for a week's visit and said he might meet US President George Bush.

"He does not rule out the possibility of meeting with President Bush if the president should want to meet him," Moscow radio said.

If the meeting takes place, Yeltsin will have beaten Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to the Bush White House.

Gorbachev met Bush, then president-elect, and former US President Ronald Reagan in New York last December.

Information exchange
VIENNA, Austria, Sept 9, (AP): Nato, the Warsaw Pact and Europe's neutral nations have virtually agreed on their first-ever exchange of military doctrines and detailed information on armies and weapons, the top US delegate said yesterday.

As the 35 nations resumed talks yesterday to enhance European security, chief US delegate John J. Maresca sounded a hopeful note, but cautioned that East and West are still far apart in negotiations that include naval and air forces.

"I believe that these negotiations are now well positioned to move forward. However, we must be realistic," Maresca told his fellow negotiators in a speech made available to the Associated Press.

Dutch queen names
THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Sept 9, (AP): Negotiations aimed at building Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers' third government began yesterday with Queen Beatrix' appointment of a senior Christian Democrat to oversee the coalition-forming process.

Jan De Koning, social affairs minister in Lubbers' caretaker government, was summoned to Beatrix' Noordeinde Palace and told to "investigate possibilities" for bringing together a new government coalition, according to a palace announcement.

Beatrix' choice of De Koning was in line with Wednesday's election victory for Lubbers' Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) party, which assured the popular Dutch leader of his third term in office.

Submarine intrusions
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept 9, (AP): Foreign submarine intrusions into Swedish waters have continued this year at the same rate as before, a defence spokesman said yesterday.

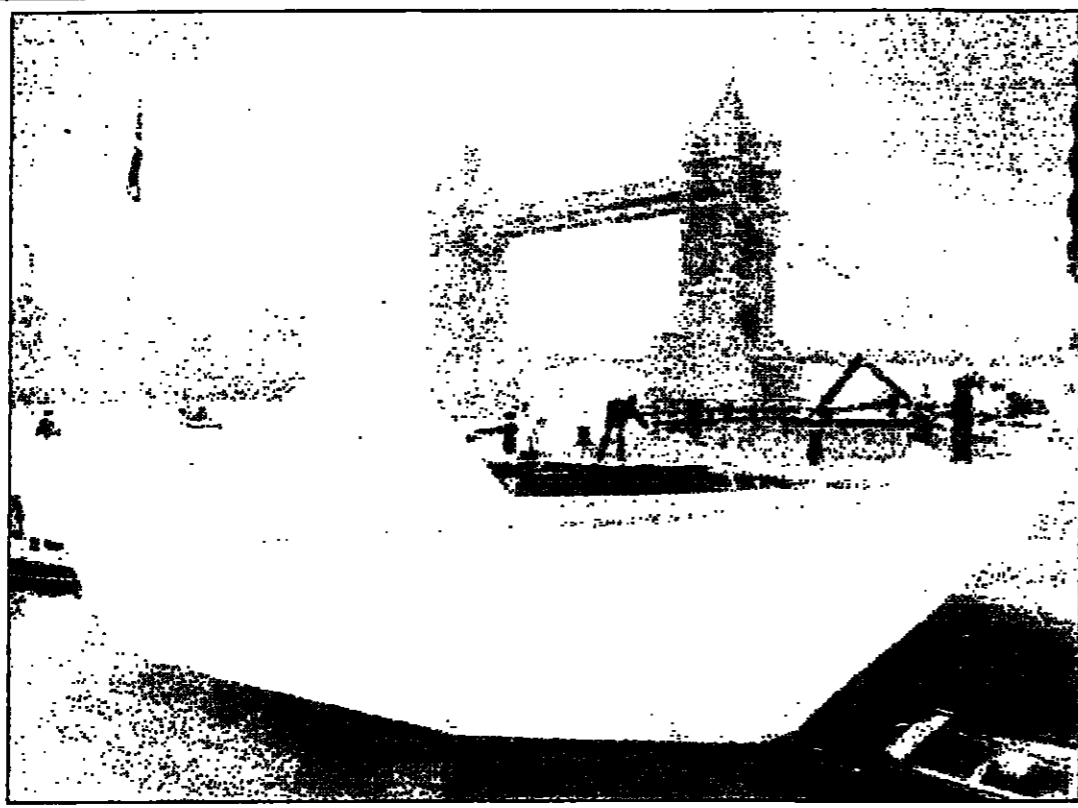
Spokesman Evert Dahlen was responding to an interview by former intelligence officer Bjorn Eklund, who said there had been no confirmed foreign intrusions since June 1988.

"Only last spring there was a series of sightings in the northern and western Stockholm archipelago," Dahlen told the Associated Press.

"They were of such importance that they were reported to the government immediately."

The incidents were not made public at the time.

Bhutto requests
ISLAMABAD, Sept 9, (Kuna): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has requested the Imam of Kaaba in Makkah to offer special prayers for well-being of 54 passengers and crew of the Pakistan Fokker plane which disappeared on Aug 24 shortly after takeoff from Gilgit airport for Islamabad.



Paper boat

'George Wylie's Paper Boat' leaves St Katherine Dock to sail down the Thames in preparation for the Thames Day celebrations. Wylie, a Scotsman, describes the vessel as a piece of sculpture and which he will captain through Tower Bridges and then on to the Houses of Parliament. (Reuter wirephoto)

France declares anti-drug drive

Special squad formed

PARIS, Sept 9, (Reuters): France announced a drive against drugs today, offering foreign governments specialist help in the war against traffickers and assembling a special police squad to flush out money launderers.

The announcement, just over a week before experts from the world's seven richest nations meet in Paris to discuss the drugs menace, came as French police said they had arrested six foreign traffickers and seized seven kg (15 pounds) of heroin.

Police gave few details of the latest seizure, carried out on Friday night by France's central anti-narcotics agency with the help of international police.

Interior Minister Pierre Joxe said today that the agency would have its manpower doubled to 200 as part of the drive against drugs.

In an interview with the French daily France Soir, Joxe

said 15 specialists would start work immediately on tracking down networks laundering drugs profits.

Anti-drugs specialists would be sent abroad to advise other countries on anti-drug techniques and improve information exchanges.

Joxe said France was already helping Colombia tackle its crisis with drug barons operating out of the city of Medellin.

"We believe that in order to win the anti-drug war we have to fight on all fronts," he said, adding that a commission from Bogota was expected soon in the French capital to discuss how to improve security in Colombia prisons.

In France, 300 police experts would be sent round the country to improve drug-tackling techniques.

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Village raid Bodos kill 30 in Assam

NEW DELHI, Sept 9, (AP): Tribal guerrillas armed with guns and other weapons raided a remote border village in northeastern India and killed at least 30 people, a news report said today.

The Friday night attack by militants of the Bodo tribe left at least 28 people injured in Bokajali village of Assam state. Press Trust of India said. The village is 1,275 kilometres (790 miles) east of New Delhi near Bhatnagar.

The news agency said all the victims were native Assamese. Their houses were burned during the apparently planned raid, Press Trust of India and United News of India said.

The news agencies had earlier reported 12 deaths. United News of India later quoted officials in the state capital, Guwahati, as saying at least 30 people were killed. The victims included 16 women, it said.

The latest deaths brought to 38 the number of people killed in the past week by the Bodo guerrillas.

Population control, key to end hunger

US urged to resume funding

WASHINGTON, Sept 9, (AP): The spectre of world hunger is moving nearer as the number of people increases and the land loses its capacity to grow enough food to keep pace with population, says Lester R. Brown, head of Worldwatch Institute.

"With more hungry people in the world today than when this decade began, there's little to celebrate on the food front as we enter the '90s," he said.

Brown said in an issue of World Watch magazine released today that he sees no sure-fire way to boost global food production enough in the 1990s to keep pace with indicated population growth.

"The only reasonable goal will be to try and cut (population growth) in half by the end of the century, essentially what Japan did in the '50s and what China did in the '70s," he said.

Indian women rally

More opportunities demanded

NEW DELHI, Sept 9, (UPI): About 15,000 women rallied yesterday demanding Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government amend the constitution to give them greater work opportunities and benefits.

The protesters marched down Raj Path, the broad ceremonial boulevard which leads to administration buildings and the houses of parliament, and streamed into a park where they listened to speeches by rally organisers.

About 15,000 women travelled from across India — from northern Kashmir to southern Kerala state — to attend the demonstration, which was organised by the All-India Democratic Women's Association — AIDWA.

The participants, mostly clad in vibrant saris, clambered for drinking water to allay thirst caused by the noon sun, waved banners and chanted slogans. The incident-free march was held

under the watchful eye of hundreds of Khaki-clad policemen, some touting rifles and batons.

"Women are the first to be fired, the last to be hired and first to be retrenched if new technology is ever introduced," said Nina Rao, leader of AIDWA's Delhi chapter. "Women are exploited by everyone."

Rao and other organisers said they hoped to press the government to alter the constitution to ensure all people regardless of sex be granted the right to work.

They also demanded unemployment benefits for an estimated 35 million women, many of whom are living in conditions of extreme hardship.

Although India has been ruled by a woman — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi — conservative social codes largely inhibit most women from having positions of responsibility. However, women are often seen doing heavy labour across South Asia.

Extremists kill 8 in Punjab

AMRITSAR, India, Sept 9, (AP): Sikh extremists armed with assault rifles raided a farm in northern Punjab state yesterday and killed seven Sikhs as they were eating lunch, police said.

Minutes later the gunmen killed another Sikh at his home near the farm in Deep Singh village, 85 kilometres (53 miles) south of Amritsar, they said.

Senior superintendent of police Satish Sharma said the seven bodies were stacked in a corner of the blood-covered courtyard of a farmhouse. Sharma, contacted by telephone in the town of Faridkot near Deep Singh, identified the victims as Mahinder Singh, his wife, three sons, a daughter and a daughter-in-law.

He said the Khalistan Commando Force claimed responsibility for the killings in a note left beside the bodies. The force is one of the several Sikh militant organisations fighting to establish an independent homeland in this rich farming state.

Educators helping students to cheat on tests: US report

NEW YORK, Sept 9, (AP): Pressure to achieve rapid school reform in the United States is prompting some educators to help students cheat on standardised achievement tests, a new report charges.

The problem is worsened by "totally inadequate" test security in nearly every state, concludes "The 'Lake Wobegon' Report." How public educators cheat on achievement tests.

The report says cheating is contributing to misleadingly high scores on the most widely

used Standardised Achievement Tests in US grade schools. That makes it seem in thousands of school districts like "all the children are above average" as in author Garrison Keillor's mythical Minnesota town of Lake Wobegon.

The Associated Press obtained a draft of the report, which was conducted by Friends for Education, a watchdog group headed by Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dr. John Jacob Cannell. The Kettering Family Foundation in Dayton, Ohio, financed the report with a \$25,000 grant.

All but two states, Louisiana and Arizona, are reporting above-average scores, according to the 50-state survey.

Eighty-three per cent of 5,143 elementary school districts and 73 per cent of 4,501 secondary districts surveyed are reporting Standardised Achievement Test scores above national averages, according to the report.

The need to reform the country's public schools has been a major issue in the United States since 1983 when a series of reports said the educational system was mediocre and that

US students couldn't compete against their counterparts in Asia and Europe.

This new report contends that high achievement test scores have misled many parents into believing that although the nation's schools may be at risk, their own local schools are improving each year.

It contends that cheating by teachers and principals involves coaching students on test questions, giving students more than the allotted time to take tests and even altering answer sheets.

But reaching that goal will be "perhaps more demanding than anything the international community has ever undertaken," Brown added.

Pressures
"For the United States, the obvious first step is to restore its funding of the United Nations Population Fund and International Planned Parenthood Federation, which was cancelled several years ago in response to pressures from the political right," he said.

"Given the link between population growth and environmental degradation, President George Bush cannot credibly call himself an environmentalist if funding is not resumed," Brown said.

"In the process, the United States could reinvigorate the international family planning effort."

Last May, the United Nations Population Fund said that unless women win more access to family planning, education and employment, the world's population could almost triple to 14 billion by the year 2100.

Dr. Nafis Sadik, executive director of the UN agency, said the world's population, now at 5.2 billion, may increase to only 10 billion people a century from now if family planners succeed in reducing birth rates.

Mrs. Sadik said movements such as religious fundamentalism "seem to be designed to somehow keep women in bondage." She criticised the United States for halting its financial support of the UN fund in 1986.

Former president Reagan's administration contended the agency's policies promoted coercive abortion, but Mrs. Sadik said the funding cut-off was political and expressed hope that President George Bush's administration would resume the US contribution.

The Bush administration so far has continued Reagan's policy of not funding those agencies based on the policy that no federal funds should be spent for population control that involves abortion.

Assertion
White House officials had no immediate comment on Brown's assertion that Bush's environmental credibility would be strained if he did not restore US financing to help control world population.

Brown, whose private, non-profit Worldwatch Institute for years has espoused population control as part of its research and policy recommendations, said that some progress has been made in scaling back birth rates, from about two per cent annually in 1970 to 1.7 per cent today.

However, this decline has been so slow that the annual increment is actually going up, he said. The world is now projected to grow by 921 million people during the 1990s, the largest increment ever for a decade.

"In many developing countries, soaring population now has a dual effect on food balance," Brown said. "It increases demand as it degrades the agricultural resource base."

"For instance, crowded cities and villages create a need for firewood that exceeds the sustainable yield of local forests. Deforestation is the outcome, which in turn increases rainfall runoff and soil erosion."

Brown said that soil erosion tops the list of environmental trends that threaten humankind. Other hazards include air pollution's damage to crops and its long-term effect on climate.

Last year's drought in the United States and its lingering effects in some areas reduced world grain output. But even with larger crops this year, Brown said global stockpiles are still short.

With reduced output, world grain prices rose by roughly one-half from July 1987 to July 1988 and have remained relatively high since then, he said.

Chancellor, aged 85, dies
LONDON, Sept 9, (Reuters): Sir Christopher Channon, who managed Reuters news agency during World War Two and its postwar global expansion, died today aged 85, his son said.

A Cambridge honours graduate, he joined Reuters in 1930 and served as chief correspondent for the Far East based in Shanghai during the Japanese invasion of China.

Kids hit as SA violence rages on

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 9, (AP): Police said today they used pistols, birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas to disperse mobs and that several vehicles were damaged by stone-throwers in mixed-race townships near Cape Town.

The area has been the scene of continual violence since parliamentary elections on Wednesday that excluded the black majority.

Three black mineworkers were killed and 12 injured by security guards in a dispute over anti-election protests, the workers' union said today.

Cape Town paediatricians issued a statement saying children as young as three years old have been admitted to hospitals in the past few days with gunshot wounds their relatives blamed on police.

Police, however, said no injuries were reported as a result of police action.

A mixed-race man was injured in a stoning incident and four were arrested for stoning a delivery vehicle in incidents last night and early today in four townships, police said.

A mining company said today three people were killed and 11 injured when a large crowd armed with sharpened sticks and knives attacked security guards at a workers' hostel at the Kinross gold mine in Evander, 100 kms (62 miles) east of Johannesburg.

The Ministry of Law and Order has rejected claims by anti-apartheid activists, clerics, doctors, journalists and township residents that police fired guns indiscriminately in the Cape Town area on election day.

Police have not acknowledged killing anyone during the period, although they say 15 people died. They have reported only a handful of injuries from their guns, while Cape Town activists and doctors have reported up to 200.

Masked activists stormed South Africa's consulate in Copenhagen and caused extensive damage to the offices, newspaper reports said today.

Last Friday, a group of about 20 to 30 people arrived in front of the consulate in a truck, jumped out and smashed down the doors of the building with wooden rams and crowbars, the Copenhagen newspaper Berlingske Tidende reported.

The US State Department says it differs strongly with the violent methods of the African National Congress but intends to expand its contacts with the black group in an effort to dismantle racial segregation in South Africa.

"As the oldest African nationalist movement in South Africa, the ANC reflects the aspirations of many blacks for a just and democratic system," the department said in a policy statement released on Thursday night.

South Africa's highest court yesterday granted 14 blacks leave to appeal against death sentences they received for taking part in the politically motivated murder of a policeman.

Divorce in UK
Children hit hard

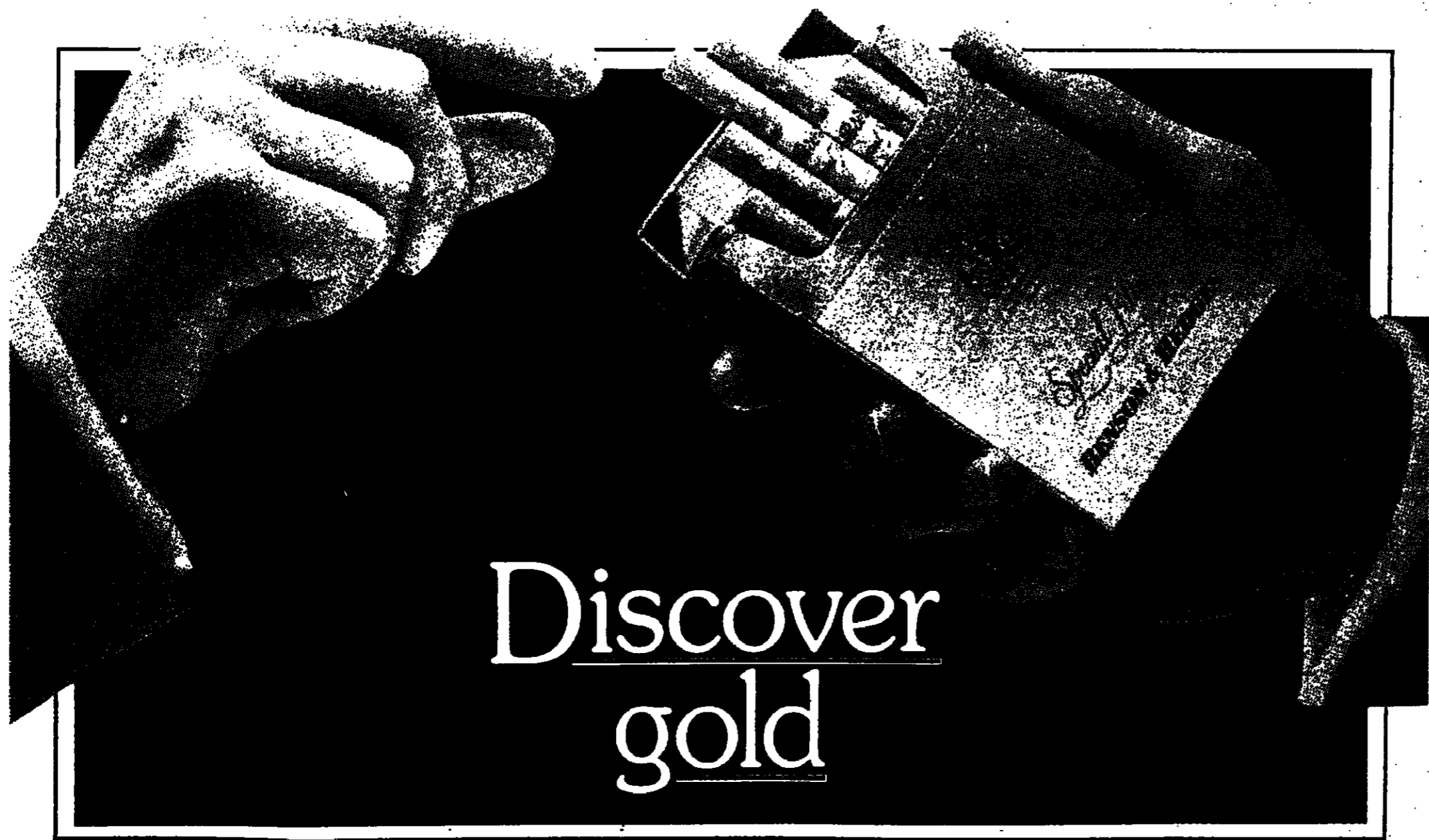
LONDON, Sept 9, (Kuna): One in five children in the UK will have parents who divorce, and will suffer emotional upset as a result, it was reported here today.

They find it difficult to choose which parent to live with and have nobody in whom to confide, the British Psychological Society heard.

Dr. Terry Haines, of the University of Wales in Cardiff, said that teenagers see their greatest support as coming from discussions with both parents.

He told a conference of the society in Surrey, near London, that his investigations suggest that when divorce occurs, the best form of support that teenagers can be given is the availability of people with whom they can discuss their feelings about life, their fears and their need for support.

He found that half the teenagers interviewed felt that divorce could help make life better for their parents as individuals, by giving them more freedom, independence and the chance for new relationships.



Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.





Jim Bakker waves to his supporters as he leaves Federal Court along with his wife Tammy Bakker. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bakker case verdict

Jail, fine for aides

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Sept. 9, (AP) — Two of Jim Bakker's former aides were given long prison terms and heavy fines, penalties their attorney blamed on the television evangelist.

US District Judge Robert Potter yesterday sentenced David Taggart to 18 years, five months in prison and his brother James to 17 years, nine months. He also ordered each to pay \$300,000 fines and for the two of them to pay \$525,000 in back taxes.

"They came and they learned everything they did from Jim Bakker," said Ben Cotton, the Taggarts' attorney who said he hadn't decided whether to appeal the sentences.

"David Taggart's prison sentence was the maximum he could have received."

"Gordon also predicted that if Bakker is convicted in his fraud and conspiracy trial, the PTL founder will receive a stiff sentence."

"He has to look forward to an even more severe sentence, not only because of the number of counts he's charged with but because of Judge Potter's assessment of responsibility for what went on out there at PTL," Cotton said.

Bakker is founder of the Christian fundamentalist PTL television ministry, which like other such ministries uses television to spread its word and raise money.

Bakker faces charges that he and other PTL executives pocketed more than \$4 million of the \$158 million raised to build a religious retreat and theme park.

Bakker quit PTL in 1987 amid revelation about his 1980 sexual encounter with church secretary Jessica Hahn and a \$265,000 payoff for her silence. PTL filed for bankruptcy a few months later, prompting the investigation that resulted in the charges.

Potter announced the sentences for the Taggart brothers after court recessed yesterday in Bakker's trial.

The Taggarts were convicted of evading taxes on \$1.1 million they received from the ministry — money they used to pay for personal luxuries, such as expensive trips, a plush apartment in New York and Jaguar cars, according to testimony.

"Judge Potter sent a message that white-collar crimes aren't going to go unpunished," said prosecutor David Brown. "They paid to the jury under oath and showed no remorse."

Neither Taggart said anything during the short hearing and neither displayed emotion.

David Taggart served as Bakker's personal aide, James Taggart worked as PTL's interior decorator.

In Richmond, Virginia, meanwhile, a Federal Appeals Court denied Bakker's motion for a stay of his trial. The 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals also rejected Bakker's motion to dismiss the indictment against him.

Guilty of starving son

Parents convicted

WILKES-BARRE, Pennsylvania, Sept. 9, (AP) — A jury convicted a couple of third-degree murder in the starvation of their 14-year-old son while the family went without food for six weeks though they had nearly \$4,000 they were saving for their church.

The jury deliberated a half-hour yesterday after considering the case for little more than an hour on Thursday night.

The defendants, Larry and Leona Cottam, held hands but displayed no emotion when jury foreman Maria Ufisi read the verdict.

Jurors also convicted the couple of two counts each of recklessly endangering another person and endangering the welfare of children. Son Eric died on Jan. 3 after the family had not eaten since Nov. 22. Cottam summoned police the day after the boy died.

They could be sentenced to up to 28 years in prison on all counts. No sentencing date was set.

The family faced despite \$3,775 in savings set aside as a tithe or offering, for God. Cottam, a former Seventh-Day Adventist minister, believed spending the money would have amounted to stealing.

Their other child, 12-year-old Laura, has recovered from malnourishment caused during the fast and has been placed in foster care.

In his instructions to the jury, Luzerne county common pleas court Judge Gifford S. Cappelloni said malice in the case had a legal definition, including a combination of a hardness of heart and conscious disregard to a high risk of death or serious bodily harm.

The jurors also could have convicted the couple of voluntary or involuntary manslaughter if they found them innocent of third-degree murder, which required a finding of malice.

Defense attorney Al Flora Jr., in his closing argument on Thursday afternoon, said Cottam, 39, and Mrs. Cottam, 38, feared losing their children if they went to authorities for help during the six weeks the family went without food.

He said the couple distrusted society after Laura and Eric told them they were sexually abused by several people including their paternal grandparents — who denied the charges — as well as a Seventh-Day Adventist leader and officials at a church school near their home in Nuangola in northeastern Pennsylvania.

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Shroud testing debated in Paris

PARIS, Sept. 9, (AP) — A year after tests found the shroud of Turin to be only 700 years old, a participant in a shroud symposium said yesterday the bright light of the resurrection may have altered the aging process.

The shroud is said by some to be the cloth in which Jesus Christ was wrapped after his crucifixion. He is said to have been resurrected from the dead two days later.

The shroud bears the image of a man who appears to have been crucified.

"Many of the questions boil down to this," said Jacques Evin, an engineer at the radiocarbon laboratory of Lyon. "In the event of the resurrection of Christ, would there have been a sufficient burst of light to alter the process of carbon decay?"

The Paris international scientific symposium on the shroud of Turin gave students of the shroud their first organized chance to contest the findings issued in October 1988.

"It is a most unusual object and it's an object that means a lot of things to a lot of people," said professor Michael Tite of the British Museum Research Laboratory at the end of the two-day gathering. "Anything you do with it is bound to cause controversy."

Tite was at the heart of the debate last year. He headed one of three laboratories that said the shroud was made about 700 years ago, 13 centuries after the death of Christ. Scientific teams from the University of Arizona and University of Zurich also participated.

Rather than resolving questions on the shroud's authenticity, the radiocarbon tests appear to have become a new source of argument.

The 14-yard (metre) — long cloth has been kept in Italy's cathedral of Turin since the Middle Ages, when creation of false religious relics was widespread. The now-retired Roman Catholic Cardinal there, Anastasio Ballestrero, invited scientists last year to test samples the size of postage stamps with radiocarbon dating techniques.

Datings by the laboratories ranged from 1260 to 1390. Ballestrero eventually endorsed the results, but said the shroud's significance as an object of deep religious faith was unchanged.

Few symposium participants contested the test results, but Evin and others questioned whether the cloth had been altered somehow to produce an inaccurate reading.

"It seems to me a slight coincidence that, if there was a burst of radiation, it would have been just enough to date the cloth to the 14th century," he said.

'Scandalous reports'

Truitt may sue media

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, (Reuters) — US gunner's mate Kendall Truitt may file a lawsuit against news organizations for carrying "false and scandalous" reports linking him to April's deadly explosion aboard the battleship Iowa, his lawyer said yesterday.

The Navy's 1,100-page report on the incident, found that Truitt had nothing to do with the explosion. "We are contemplating filing a series of lawsuits against those media outlets that carried the initial false, scandalous charges that destroyed Ken and his wife and their family," Ellis Rubin, Truitt's lawyer, said in a television interview.

The report said Hartwig was probably to blame for the explosion.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Look deeply: architects

Charles told to stop attacks

LONDON, Sept. 9, (AP) — Prince Charles has been told by leading British architects to stop criticising the style of Britain's new buildings and look more deeply into why British cities are so decrepit and ugly.

"Attacks on architects in an almost physical way are not conducive to sitting down and getting to the next stage," Peter Corbin, professor of architecture at Cambridge University, said last night on the British Broadcasting Corp's national television network.

The public challenge to the prince ended a week in which modern architecture was front-page news.

Charles, in a just-published book, referred to some modern British buildings as "Frankenstein monsters." But two of his prominent targets but back when the BBC offered a chance to reply.

Sir Denis Lasdun, whose national theatre the prince compared to a "nuclear power station in the middle of London," defended his concrete construction and compared its wide interior spaces with the great amphitheatres of ancient Greece.

"I hope the prince will now stop talking so much about purely superficial stylistic issues. ... We have got to turn to the things that really influence our society — the quality of life, the prosperity of our cities and from the prosperity of the nation," Carolan said.

Maxwell Hutchinson, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said the problem was not just "all that office space" which the prince condemns for scarring the London skyline, but the "million homes in this country unfit for human habitation." (See also Page 10)

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia: The walls of Primda, a medieval castle in Western Bohemia, may have resisted many an invading knight centuries ago. In the 20th century, they are giving way to pollution and mere human sweat.

Reporting Friday on the causes of a July accident in which one boy was killed and two injured when a group of youths was hit by the crumbling walls of the castle, the state news agency CTK determined the walls now have no strength.

"Due to chemical changes brought about by rain water polluted by exhausts, the strength of mortar in the walls equals zero," Ladislav Herda, a state prosecutor in Pilsen, 90 kilometres (55 miles) west of Prague, was quoted as saying.

CALIFORNIA: Alexander Haig, the former general and secretary of state, makes his entertainment debut this weekend in Oceanside, California, narrating the classical music piece "Carnival of the Animals." Haig's performance will be part of a music festival sponsored by Leisure Village, a retirement community that has Haig on its board of directors. (UPI)

Aids protesters storm opening night at opera house

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9, (UPI) — The glittery opening of the opera season was thrown into turmoil last night when scores of Aids protesters blowing police whistles marched down the aisles of the opera house and a pushing, slugging melee broke out.

The protesters, estimated at between 50 and 100 people, apparently had bought standing-room-only tickets for the opening night production of Verdi's "Falstaff" at the War Memorial Opera House, one of San Francisco's glitziest social events.

"Just before the curtain went up, they crowded in

from the SRO area and started down the aisles blowing police whistles, carrying a large banner and shouting, 'We're queer and we're here stop Aids now,' freelance photographer Elizabeth Karpnazes said.

"Patrons jumped up on the seats and blows were exchanged," she said. "I was slugged in the face. The demonstrators and the patrons were grabbing at each other and throwing punches."

The house lights had dimmed and the orchestra was playing the overture moments before the curtain was to go up when the protesters moved into the aisles. After assessing the situation, conductor

A. BARTLETT GIAMATTI will be remembered at Yale with a special fund in his name. The fund was announced Friday by Fay Vincent, who stepped in as Major League baseball commissioner when Giamatti died last week of a heart attack at age 51. Giamatti, who spent 30 years at Yale, as a student, teacher and president, was buried at the school's cemetery this week and Yale officials are trying to decide on when and where to hold a memorial service for him. (UPI)

BRUSSELS: Belgian cinema owners on Friday said they will protest to the justice minister over a decision to ban children under 16 from seeing the hit movie *Batman* the national news agency Belga reported.

The Belgian censor last week declared the film too violent for young viewers. Cinema owners say they will be hurt financially if children, who are most likely to want to see the film, are banned from screenings. (Reuters)

LOS ANGELES: Ellen Tracy said she had sex with more than 2,000 men as high priestess of the Egyptian Church of the Most High Goddess.

"In my religion only women act as priests, and they absorb the sins of men through sexual rites," Tracy, 46, declared.

Her religious garb, she added, was a red-sequined strapless dress, black fishnet stockings and black high heel shoes.

But prosecutors maintained Tracy's four-bedroom Spanish-style "church" was in fact a brothel because the men had to make donations to the church before they had sex.

A municipal court jury agreed, finding her guilty on Friday of two counts of prostitution.

Her husband Wilbur Tracy, 51, who told the court he had a revelation that his wife should have sex with thousands of men, was found guilty of running a house of prostitution.

Tracy could be sentenced to up to one year in jail and his husband to six months imprisonment.

TALLAHASSEE, Florida: A 17-year-old has been sentenced to eight years in prison for having sex with an 11-year-old girl who became pregnant with twins.

It took jurors only 20 minutes Thursday to find Carlos Johnson guilty of sexual battery of a child under 12.

Johnson was 16 in August 1988 when he and the girl had sex at the Walker Ford Community Centre. In January the girl delivered twins born four months early. One was stillborn, the other soon died.

"It's true kids have sex with kids all the time. But maybe once they see this, it'll stop," assistant state attorney Chris Canessa said.

But defence attorney Greg Cummings called the case "a great injustice." (AP)

SILJAN, Norway: Thieves trying to break into a safe Friday misjudged the explosives necessary and blew up a Norwegian post office, the mail and much of the cash they wanted to steal, reports said.

No one was injured and police have not apprehended any suspects after the break-in backfired in the Silja village post office in southern Norway, the state radio station NRK reported.

Silja district Sheriff Tormod Thorbjørnsen told the news agency NTB that charred currency and letters were strewn through the heavily damaged building. Police did not know if anything was taken. (AP)

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Physicians believe the fluid is a direct result of Reagan's being thrown by a horse in Sonoma, Mexico, while vacationing at a friend's ranch in July, Weinberg said.

Reagan undergoes successful surgery

ROCHESTER, Minnesota, Sept. 9, (UPI) — Former President Ronald Reagan underwent successful surgery yesterday for removal of a small buildup of fluid on the brain, a condition doctors believe was caused by his fall from a bucking horse in July, a spokesman said.

Reagan, 78, was conscious, in good spirits and resting comfortably in his room at Saint Mary's Hospital after the operation in which surgeons drilled into the former chief executive's skull, Reagan spokesman Mark Weinberg said.

Saint Mary's is part of the Mayo Clinic. Clinic spokesman Chris Gade said last night that Reagan's condition was officially listed as "excellent and stable."

In a statement, Weinberg said: "President Reagan underwent a successful small-opening (burr hole) drainage of a collection of fluid on the top of the right side of his brain this afternoon at Saint Mary's."

"The procedure, which was performed under a general anaesthesia, lasted slightly over one hour and was without complications," Weinberg said.

"Physicians remain convinced that this collection of old blood (a subdural hematoma) was caused by President Reagan being thrown by a bucking horse in July."

"President Reagan is conscious and recovering in his room, where he is comfortable and in good spirits," Weinberg said.

"President Reagan's care is being managed by a team of physicians and nurses from the Mayo Clinic who are completely satisfied with the result of today's procedure and with President Reagan's recuperation thus far. Although no further treatment is anticipated, President Reagan will be carefully monitored."

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Bush warns of drug menace

NEW ORLEANS, Sept 9, (AP): President George Bush took his war on drugs to the south yesterday and declared that a nation consuming as much illegal narcotics as the United States "cannot long preserve its very soul."

"Let me challenge you: get involved. There are so many that need your help," Bush told a convention of the US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in continuing efforts to enlist new recruits in his anti-drug campaign.

Before a Hispanic business audience that cheered his statement that the war on drugs can be waged without higher taxes, Bush struck back at critics who say his \$7.9 billion strategy is underfunded and doesn't go far enough.

"Those who judge this strategy by a price tag alone don't understand the problem," he said. "Those critics are the same ones who complain they don't know how we can fund the proposal" without higher taxes.

To some, the first and only answer is to hit the working man or woman with more taxes," Bush said. "That is not the right answer."

Bush has said the cost of the new programme will be offset by cuts of \$716 million in programmes, such as public housing, assistance to recent immigrants and juvenile justice.

The President said the government estimated that 23 million people in the United States had used illegal drugs last year. He said eight million US citizens had tried cocaine, and that about one million used it at least once a week.

Beyond that, he said, hundreds of thousands of babies were born to mothers who use drugs.

Held
A Colombian accused of being the brains behind the Medellin cocaine cartel's laundering of money in US banks was being held yesterday without bond at an undisclosed and highly secure location.

Eduardo Martinez Romero—on the US list of so-called "extraditables," Colombia's most important drug kingpins—was being held pending a Monday court appearance.

At a preliminary hearing Thursday before US magistrate Joel M. Feldman, Martinez said through an interpreter what had happened.

Feldman agreed to delay his arraignment until Monday morning. An arraignment is a court procedure where the accused is brought before a court to hear and answer charges.

An affidavit filed in court Thursday by US Drug Enforcement Administration agent Albert D. Latson said Martinez warned an Atlanta undercover drug agent last year that he would be "kidnapped and interrogated" if anything went wrong with their laundering ventures for the Medellin cartel.

Martinez, 36, appeared tired and distracted and was not handcuffed or shackled during the hearing. Security was unremarkable, despite the wave of bombings associated with the Colombian government's crackdown on drugs, which resulted in Martinez's arrest Aug 20.

Martinez's lawyer, Ed Garland, said his client was "very frightened and quiet" when he was brought to court.

"I think it will be extremely difficult for him to get a fair trial," Garland said.

US attorney Robert Barr, whose office is prosecuting the Martinez case, said yesterday that the reputed kingpin would be fairly treated and that issues of pretrial publicity "would be brought out in court and be fully aired."

Martinez, who told the judge he holds a postgraduate degree in marketing, is accused of laundering between \$15 million and \$27 million in drug profits by funneling the cash through US banks.

He was indicted in March in Atlanta as a result of an investigation code-named operation Polar Cap, which officials said revealed an operation that laundered billions in cocaine profits. Charges were brought against 127 people and two Latin American banks.

Martinez, called by some the "finance minister" of the Medellin cartel, is the first person extradited to the United States since Colombia's crackdown began last month. A previous attempt to arrest him in Panama failed last March.

Suspected smuggling co-ordinators for Colombia's Medellin cocaine cartel have been charged with funneling the drug through the Bahamas and the Florida Keys in exchange for air drops of ice chests stuffed with cash.

Cocaine death gang seized in Colombia

Israeli govt knew of training

BOGOTA, Sept 9, (Agencies): The army said today it captured the four leading members of a cocaine "death squad" in the drug centre of Medellin who also served as bodyguards for the wife of fugitive drug kingpin Pablo Escobar.

Police said a high-ranking drug trafficker imprisoned for the past month under the government's drug crackdown was released because authorities lacked an extradition request from the United States.

But a US Drug Enforcement Administration official in Washington said the trafficker was not being sought in the United States.

A powerful car bomb exploded in the Colombian drug capital of Medellin late yesterday, injuring four people and causing extensive damage, police and rescue workers said.

The bomb, believed set by drug traffickers, exploded on the city's west side at around 10.15 pm (0215 GMT), blasting a large hole through the front of the telephone company office building and shattering windows in nearby residential buildings.



A Colombian soldier searches a man before allowing him to enter an area where a bomb search was taking place. (Reuters wirephoto)

The injured included a young girl, according to Red Cross workers who said she was taken to a nearby hospital.

Bogota's El Tiempo newspaper said today the army raided 30 sites in Bogota and the rural town of Pachito and seized 49 vehicles, including two bulletproof Mercedes Benz sedans, thought to belong to drug boss Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha.

Yesterday, the army said it had arrested the pilot of one of the nation's top cocaine barons and that he had flown cocaine to the United States.

Armed gangs wearing white hoods terrorised Medellin yesterday setting fire to nine government vehicles, including trucks and vans. The gangs, suspected of working for the drug lords, hurled fire bombs and fired shots in the air. No injuries were reported, and police arrested one man.

Police identified the freed trafficker as a key aide to Escobar and said he was released Thursday because there was no arrest warrant, legal paperwork, or extradition request for him by the United States.

Police Col. Oscar Palaz Carranza said the aide, Luis Fernando Galeano, was held at an army base for a month after being arrested during a raid on a Medellin office building believed to house money laundering operations.

Palaz said Galeano also was arrested in 1988 on charges of money laundering but had to be released because all the legal paperwork on him disappeared.

It was not known why his latest arrest was not made public either in Colombia or the United States, which is helping Colombia with financial aid and military equipment in its war on drugs and seeking the extradition of top drug lords.

Suspected drug traffickers, stepping up a campaign of fear and intimidation, exploded another bomb in Colombia's drug capital of Medellin today, police said.

The bomb badly damaged three shops at a small shopping centre in Itagui, a southern suburb of Medellin. Three persons were slightly injured.

In another newspaper 'La Prensa' published a letter it said was sent to the Israeli embassy and the chief of the Israeli national police by the leader of the paramilitary group linked to drug traffickers. The letter said the government and military helped the group obtain training from an Israeli army reserve officer.

Meanwhile, accused Colombian drug financier Eduardo Martinez Romero is prepared to plead innocent to charges of plotting a billion-dollar money-laundering scheme for the Medellin cocaine cartel, his lawyer said today.

The 36-year-old Colombian, housed in the Atlanta federal penitentiary, refused to face the charges on Thursday because they were written in English.

Send troops, UN urged

Save us from Azeris, Armenians appeal

MOSCOW, Sept 9, (Reuters): Soviet Armenians have urged the United Nations to consider sending troops to strife-torn Nagorno-Karabakh, saying the Kremlin has failed to protect them from Azerbaijanis bent on their destruction.

As the appeal became known today, Moscow radio quoted headline Politburo member Yegor Ligachev as saying the Soviet Union could fall apart over its many nationalities problems.

And the Communist Party chief in Lithuania gave a defiant interview to Pravda in which he said many people in the Baltic republics saw a Kremlin denunciation of nationalism as a threat to their progress.

A council of the Armenian majority in Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave inside Azerbaijan, appealed for UN help saying they feared deportation and even extermination by the Azeris.

"For long months now, this tiny Christian

region ... has been under the harshest of blockades. Regular killings and acts of violence are being perpetrated against it and now there is talk of carrying out a deportation of the native population," the appeal said.

It was published on Tuesday in the enclave's daily newspaper Sovetakan Karabakh. An Armenian journalist in Yerevan told Reuters he did not know whether any reply had been received from the UN.



Protest against pardon

Tens of thousands of Argentines marched down Buenos Aires avenues yesterday to protest against possible pardons for military men accused of human rights abuses or involved in recent Army rebellions.

Human rights groups and leftist parties led about 40,000 people in the march in the capital, according to witnesses. Similar marches were held in provincial capitals and other cities, local news agencies said.

President Carlos Menem yesterday again said that next month he will grant pardons to the Army officers who staged three uprisings since 1987 to press his predecessor, Radical Party leader Raul Alfonsin, to stop trials of military personnel for human rights crimes.

Menem's plans have met with considerable opposition and are even resisted by some members of his Peronist Party. (Reuters wirephoto)

Poland must be free: new FM

WARSAW, Sept 9, (Reuters): Poland's new foreign minister has declared his country will end its subservience to the Soviet Union, its most important ally, and proclaimed the right of Warsaw Pact nations to express opposing views.

Krzysztof Skubiszewski, the only independent member of the first government in Eastern Europe for more than 40 years not dominated by communists, said yesterday that Polish interests should come before ideological alliances.

In his first public comments since Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki named the Solidarity-led cabinet, Skubiszewski sent a key signal to Moscow by saying Poland would stay in the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance.

He told a parliamentary commission: "The role of the Foreign Ministry will be to prove that what is going on in Poland now is just a normal development which threatens nobody and nothing."

Skubiszewski, Poland's first non-communist foreign minister since the 1940s, added: "When we think about Polish foreign policy we have to take into consideration the interests of the state and not ideological issues or the dictates of any ideological alliance."

"Polish foreign policy should contribute to making our neighbors accustomed to the fact that in the mutual relations of Warsaw Pact states differences are possible."

The Warsaw Pact has seldom been more divided, with Poland, Hungary and the Soviet Union pressing ahead with reforms and orthodox communist leaderships in Romania, East Germany and Czechoslovakia resisting change.

The pact traditionally does its utmost to project an image of unity, long a key factor in communist dictatorships. Skubiszewski's remarks suggested Poland would disregard this rule if it considered it justified.

He said relations with the Soviet Union should be based on "rules of equality, independence and respect for the rule of non-interference."

Ideological ties have bound the two countries since Soviet dictator Josef Stalin installed communists in power in Poland and rest of Eastern Europe after World War Two.

Two Polish ministers 'out'

Mazowiecki in trouble

WARSAW, Sept 9, (Agencies): Poland's new Solidarity-led government hit its first problems today after a parliamentary commission unexpectedly rejected two cabinet members proposed by Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

The commission's decision is not legally binding, but parliamentary sources said it may be difficult for Mazowiecki to include the two ministers when he presents his cabinet for formal approval by Parliament on Tuesday.

The agriculture commission rejected Czeslaw Janicki, of the United Peasants Party, as a Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture, and Rural Solidarity activist Artur Balazs as minister without portfolio for agricultural development.

Cabinet nominees today unveiled plans for a Western-style tax system and a liberalised economy, saying radical changes were crucial to removing the vestiges of communist control.

The shape of Poland's new government began to emerge as Parliament members questioned nominees on economic, political and social issues.

Parliamentary sources said the commission, which voted late yesterday, saw no reason to create what is a new post for Balazs to work alongside the agriculture ministry.

Concerning the rejection of Janicki, the official news agency Pap said that at least one commission member found Janicki's answers to questions too general.

It said all other candidates have been approved so far, but several

commissions will continue questioning over the weekend.

The parliamentary commissions comprise deputies from all Poland's political groups.

Mazowiecki is Poland's first non-communist prime minister since the 1940s. His cabinet has 11 Solidarity representatives, four communists, four members of the United Peasants Party (UPP), three from the Democratic Party and one independent.

Mazowiecki, a veteran activist of the once-banned Solidarity movement who named his cabinet on Thursday, two weeks after taking office, faces awkward decisions over how to satisfy his coalition partners.

He has already angered the UPP by proposing Janicki instead of former Agriculture Minister Kazimierz Olesiak of the UPP. Solidarity accuses Olesiak of not protecting farmers' interests.

But Mazowiecki risks losing the support of Rural Solidarity if he bows to UPP pressure to propose Olesiak instead of Janicki because the movement has threatened not to take part in any cabinet which includes Olesiak.

In parliamentary commissions today, Communist Foreign Trade Minister Marcin Swieciak said Poland must open its economy more to foreign companies and investors to encourage the change to a Western-style market economy and the break-up of monopolies.

Poland's Roman Catholic Primate Jozef Glemp has postponed a trip to the United States, the state news agency said today.

Head 'must roll'

KIEV, Soviet Union, Sept 9, (Agencies): A new Ukrainian mass movement heard repeated calls today for the ousting and trial of the republic's veteran Communist Party leader, amid signs of mounting official concern over its trading demands.

One speaker at the founding congress of Ruk (movement) even openly urged the Ukraine's secession from the Soviet Union—a call likely to cause alarm in Moscow, which depends on the region for nearly half its agricultural output and much of its coal, iron and steel and chemicals.

Speakers won resounding applause from the 1,500-strong audience with demands to dismiss hard-line Ukrainian leader Vladimir Shcherbivsky and to bring him to trial for his handling of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

"There can be no talk of perestroika in the Ukraine when the grey cardinals responsible for Chernobyl are still in power," said Sergei Konyev, a member of the Soviet Parliament, speaking under a giant-and-yellow Ukrainian national flag.

A group of ethnic Poles in the Baltic Republic of Lithuania have added their voices to the clamour of ethnic groups pressing for more independence.

A predominantly Polish district of 40,000 people has proclaimed autonomy from the Republic of Lithuania.

The dispute has put Lithuanian officials in the uncomfortable position of hearing from the Polish minority many of the same things they have been telling Moscow their own behalf.

And the development that could herald even greater difficulties for the Kremlin, which is trying to hold together more than 100 ethnic groups hostile toward each other and toward Soviet rule.

Tanks to go from Hungary

BUDAPEST, Sept 9, (Reuters): Hungary's ruling Communist Party proposed yesterday demilitarising a 50 km (30 mile) wide area along its borders with Austria and Yugoslavia and said Moscow had agreed to remove Soviet tanks from the area.

Party chairman Rezső Nyers told a news conference the party had agreed with Moscow that two Soviet tank battalions would be withdrawn. He said Hungary would urge Yugoslavia and Austria to follow the example, thus creating a zone 100 km (60 miles) wide.

Hungary would halve its tanks in the zone by 1990 as a first step.

6,000 E. Germans wait

Organised exodus through Austria expected

BUDAPEST, Sept 9, (Agencies): More than 6,000 East German refugees, their numbers increasing along with their impatience, waited in packed Hungarian tent-camps today for an exodus to the West which appeared to be imminent.

Relief workers organised excursions to stave off increasing boredom in the camps while refugees continued to arrive by car and on foot, some dressed for holidays and others soaking wet after swimming the river Danube.

"It's just waiting, waiting, waiting," a 21-year-old electrician from Meissen told Reuters outside an overflowing tent camp in the grounds of a Catholic church in Budapest's Sugliget suburb.

"We've had some bad times, but the weather is improving and they say it'll only be a few days now, so the feeling in the camp is quite positive," he said.

Statements by the Hungarian and West German governments on Thursday and Friday seemed to indicate an organised transit through Austria to West Germany could start within a few days. Previously, officials had talked of as much as a six-week wait.

Refugees said no more money was being handed out in Budapest camps today—another sign that departure was imminent.

Camp organisers said they had no idea how the mass transit would be arranged, how long it would take, or whether some refugees would be allowed to take their cars.

It was also unclear what would happen if some of

the estimated 100,000 East Germans still on holiday in Hungary decided to join the exodus at the last minute.

The current delay appeared to have been caused by Hungary's concern to find a solution palatable to its Warsaw Pact ally East Germany, which has demanded that its citizens return home.

More than 100 refugees who had been occupying Bonn's mission in East Berlin left the building on Friday, but without assurances they would be allowed to emigrate.

Refugees in two Budapest tent-camps and a holiday centre in the resort of Lake Balaton are adamant that they will sit it out. Some triumphantly burned leaflets distributed by an East German envoy encouraging them to go home.

Wolfgang Wagner of the Knights of Malta charity, head of the Sugliget camp, said about 250 East Germans had been arriving daily for the past week.

The two Budapest camps were filled to capacity 10 days ago and all new arrivals were then sent to a third camp at Zanka on Lake Balaton. But with 1,000 more people cutting short their holidays or giving up return flights to East Germany, Zanka was now full to capacity with 2,400 inmates, Wagner said.

Some 70 East Germans, five Romanians and a Bulgarian fled from Hungary to Austria overnight, a Red Cross official said today.

'Message' to US drug agents

Floating bodies found

WASHINGTON, Sept 9, (AP): US drug agents spotted almost two dozen decapitated bodies floating down the river near the US Drug Enforcement Administration's base in Peru's Upper Huallaga valley. But authorities said yesterday they don't know who the people were or if the mutilations were intended as a threat.

DEA spokesman Frank Shults said that the heads, hands and feet of the approximately 20 people were cut off of the cadavers that were seen Thursday in the Huallaga River near the base at Santa Lucia in the valley that produces much of the world's supply of coca leaf, the raw material for cocaine.

"We have no idea if this was meant to be a signal to anybody, to what purpose and to whom," Shults said. "There was no note, no messenger, no nothing. No one knows what to make of it. It was an unfriendly message, to be sure."

The DEA this week resumed full operations at the base shared with representatives of the State Department's international narcotics matters office and Peru's Guardia Civil—which conducts seizures of cocaine laboratories and eradication of crops.

The US agents never actually left the base, but have spent the past half-year constructing a more secure facility.

Operations were curtailed in February, shortly after a contract pilot was wounded in the leg by a bullet shot through the bottom of his helicopter, Shults said.

The bodies were observed by a group of people stationed at the Santa Lucia base, but no effort was made to extract the cadavers from the river, he said.

BA take-off aborted

DC-10 engine probe

WASHINGTON, Sept 7, (AP): The Federal Aviation Administration will order exhaustive inspections of all DC-10 engines as a result of a July crash in Sioux City, Iowa, that killed 112 people, an agency official says.

Anthony Broderick, FAA associate administrator, said in an interview yesterday that the agency expects within a few weeks to order inspections of the metal in all General Electric CF6-6 engines such as those in the DC-10 that crash-landed July 19 in Sioux City.

Broderick said the expected FAA-ordered inspections would take 40 hours each, and could cause some flight disruptions.

But officials say the investigation into the crash is being hampered because a large section of the tail engine of United Flight 23 has not been found.

With 8-foot (2.4-metre) corn stalks and 4-foot (1.2-metre) soybean plants obscuring much of the ground in the flight path, authorities in Washington and Iowa said yesterday they hope the harvest season will uncover parts vital to investigation.

GE has offered a total of \$279,000 in rewards for all the missing parts of the tail engine.

A British Airways DC-10 jet had to abort take-off because of a technical fault which had been reported more than 80 times in similar engines, a report here said today.

Gorby will see Pope

VATICAN CITY, Sept 9, (UPI): Vatican officials say Pope John Paul II will meet with Mikhail Gorbachev when the Soviet leader visits Rome in November, an Italian news agency reported today.

No encounter has officially been announced by the Vatican, but the Ansa news agency quoted Vatican sources as expressing certainty that the historic meeting will take place.

Groundwork for such an encounter—the first ever between a Pope and a Soviet Communist Party secretary—was set out in an August letter from Gorbachev to John Paul.

The letter was hand-delivered to the Pope by a Soviet Foreign Ministry envoy.

Old-guard tells story of Khrushchev's sack

MOSCOW, Sept 9, (UPI): Nikita Khrushchev burst into tears when told he was fired as Soviet leader, an old-guard communist leader said yesterday.

"To this day, I remember Khrushchev's face in tears," said Pyotr Shelest, now 82. "To this day I'll remember that face even when I die."

In the rare memoir that discloses some of the secret workings of the ruling Politburo inner sanctum, Shelest disclosed to the Moscow News how someone at the very top gets the word that he is through.

Khrushchev was confronted at the Politburo

session in October 1964 with a power grab led by Leonid Brezhnev, said Shelest, who at the time was a Politburo member.

Informed of the decision to oust him in favour of Brezhnev, Khrushchev said:

"All right, but let me say a few words at the next plenary meeting (of the Central Committee of the party)."

"Brezhnev said, No, and Mikhail Suslov (the party ideologist) said, No. No."

"At this point, Nikita Sergeevich (Khrushchev) burst out crying, sobbing. 'Well if so I am getting

what I deserve. Write a statement (of my retirement). I will sign it."

Shelest, the Ukrainian boss who himself was later fired from the Politburo, derided Western theories that Khrushchev was fired over his policies such as growing corn and opening virgin lands to agriculture.

"What there was, was a struggle for power," he said. "That alone."

But the bulk of the memoir in the English language edition of Friday's Moscow News mocks Brezhnev's shortcomings such as his vanity over medals.

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Foreigners plotting: Burma

Embassies, dissidents blamed

RANGOON, Sept 9, (AP): Burma's military rulers today accused foreign embassies and media as well as domestic dissidents of trying to subvert the government.

In a news briefing lasting more than seven hours, one of Burma's top military men said the arrest last July of a 52-year-old lawyer, Ye Htoon, led to the exposure of the plot and the arrests of 51 others.

Although the foreign embassies were not named, it was clear the US embassy, which

has taken a strong pro-democracy stance, was a target of the accusations. Another appeared to be the British embassy.

Following months of demonstrations, Burma's powerful military reasserted control last September with an armed crackdown that reportedly left hundreds dead. It promised general elections but in recent months has made sweeping arrests of opponents, according to Western diplomats.

Brig. Gen. Khin Nyunt, head of the coun-

try's military intelligence service, claimed decoding of hidden files in Ye Htoon's office revealed accounts of cash assistance to dissidents by a major diplomatic mission, correspondence with individuals abroad and plans to subvert the government.

Ye Htoon worked as a representative of six foreign business firms in Burma and is the son-in-law of Ba Maw, Burma's head of state during World War II.

Deng missing, Mao lauded

BEIJING, Sept 9, (Reuters): China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping missed his first meeting in several years with a foreign head of state today but officials declined to say whether it was because of ill-health or for political reasons.

A virtual recluse in recent months Deng, 85, has not been seen since June 9 when, looking shaky and worn, he presided over a meeting of military commanders and praised their crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Commenting on Deng's absence, foreign diplomats drew a parallel with the last years of Mao Tseung who died exactly 13 years ago on Saturday.

In June 1976, three months before he died at the age of 82, a Foreign Ministry official said Mao would no longer meet distinguished foreign guests.

Deng went unmentioned in official newspapers today but a photograph of Mao from 1958 was featured edged in black on the front page of the headline Beijing Daily.

The arrival of Burkina Faso President Blaise Compaore as the first head of state to visit Beijing since martial law was declared on May 20 raised expectations that Deng would reappear after weeks of rumours about his health.

Diplomatic sources said Compaore kept today and morning free in case he should be summoned at the last minute of a meeting with Deng who used to meet visitors at 10 am.

But a Foreign Ministry official said Deng did not meet the West African leader. The ministry declined to say why.

Meanwhile, martial law troops and police are stepping up security in Beijing ahead of China's Oct 1 National Day, citing resistance to the democracy movement crackdown and fear of attacks by angry citizens, Chinese and Western sources said today.

Refining government concern, Minister of Public Security Wang Fang, in remarks carried by the state press today, acknowledged continued acts of resistance to the government repression and claimed there has been an increase in sabotage.

Emigration from Hong Kong will leap 25 per cent in 1990 because of fears of the Communist Chinese takeover, an official said yesterday.

Mike Rowley, head of a government task force on emigration, said about 55,000 people will leave Hong Kong in 1990, up from a projected 42,000 in 1989.

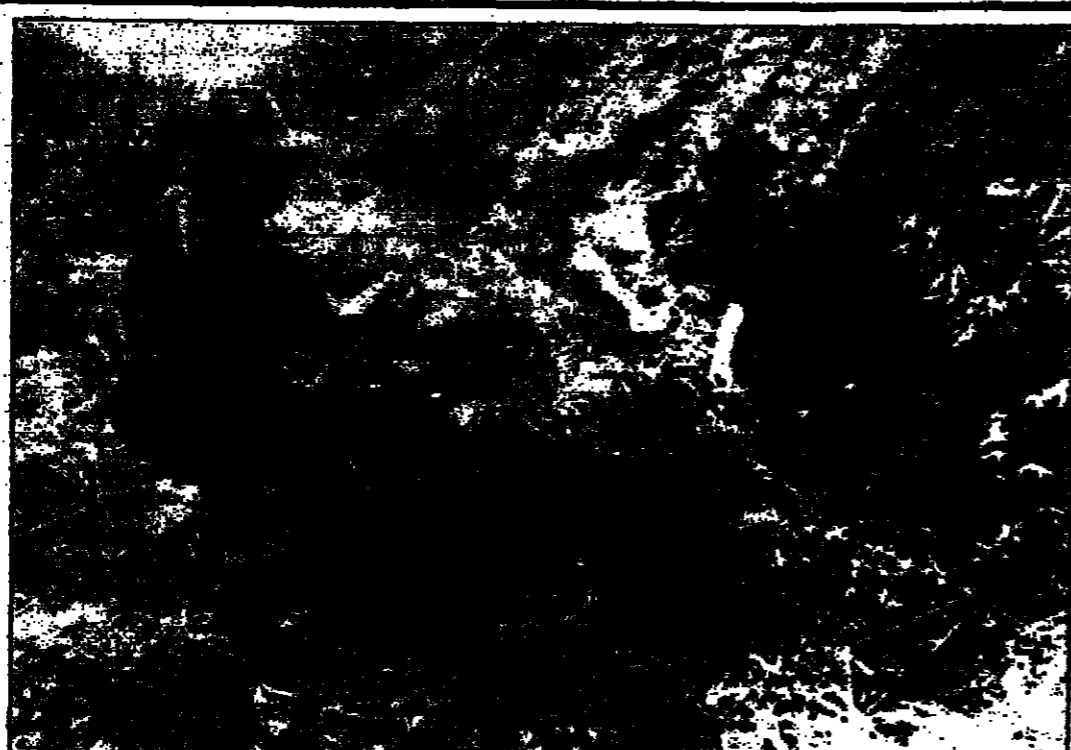
Rival talks on nature

TOKYO, Sept 9, (AP): As part of its new "environmental diplomacy," the Japanese government is sponsoring a three-day conference in Tokyo next week on global warming and environmental protection in developing nations.

But as officials finish preparations for the meeting of 60 international specialists, a coalition of private Japanese environmental groups will be holding a separate "people's forum" to discuss issues—such as Japanese links to environmental degradation—they say are likely to be missing from the conference's agenda.

"Japan has become such an economic power that if its destruction of the environment continues unchecked there won't be a 21st century," said Yoichi Kuroda, co-ordinator of the Japan tropical forest action network, one of the forum's sponsors.

The Japanese government this year announced a new three-pronged "environmental initiative" consisting of large contributions to environmental programmes, research on environmental protection technology, and leadership in international environmental forums.



Marijuana plantation raided

Philippine soldiers raid a marijuana plantation on the mount of Benguet in the northern Philippines.

Authorities said the leaves were estimated to be worth \$5 million. (Reuters wirephoto)

Top rebels held

Filipino communists kill 11

MANILA, Sept 9, (UPI): Government troops arrested a Communist Party leader, a rebel priest and six regional communist officers in raids in the central city of Cebu, police said today.

Police said those arrested on Thursday included the Rev. Leonardo Sison and Federico Guanzon, who was identified as an alternative member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines. A \$25,000 reward had been offered for Guanzon's capture.

National police spokesman Sgt. Col. Luis Maralit said the six other captured rebels held ranking positions in the regional Communist Party committees in the Visayan area, a string of islands in the country's central section.

They were identified as Edwin Lopez, Abundo Amante, Theima Dianala, Catalina Paras and Siegfried Deduro and his wife, Cynthia.

Maralit said Sison was chairman of the Christians

for National Liberation, a leftist group on the island of Samar northeast of Cebu.

He said Guanzon was captured in his car at a street corner in Cebu, 350 miles (565 km) south of Manila, while manoeuvring to evade police agents who were conducting surveillance on him.

Guanzon under questioning revealed the whereabouts of the other rebel leaders and police raided the safehouse, arresting the officers, Maralit said.

In another development, communist rebels killed 11 soldiers, including an army captain, in a series of provincial attacks, bringing to 24 the number of troops slain this week, the military said yesterday.

The latest clash occurred on Mindanao island, where four Muslim rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front were arrested after an engagement with government troops near Iligan city, 800 kms (500 miles) southeast of Manila, the military said.

Euro-MP faces prosecution: The French government yesterday ordered the prosecution of an extreme right-wing French politician over an anti-Jewish outburst in a magazine interview.

Justice Minister Pierre Arpaillange told reporters he had ordered the Paris prosecutor to begin legal proceedings against 88-year-old Claude Auzant-Lara of the far-right National Front for racial insults, racial defamation and provoking race hatred.

Auzant-Lara, who resigned his seat in the European Parliament yesterday, said in an interview published in the left-wing magazine *Globe* that the Nazi Holocaust was a pack of lies.

He joked about French politician Simone Veil's internment in a Nazi death camp. (Reuters)

Bush urged: Congressional Democrats have asked President Bush to immediately increase by 100,000 the number of political refugees allowed to come to the United States from East European countries in the coming year.

In a letter to the president and made public today, the Democrats called on Bush "to afford refugees from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe the freedom they deserve" is intended to apply to all the countries of what long has been called the communist bloc.

The Democrats plan calls for the 100,000 new spaces to be allocated in proportion to the refugee-status applications from each country, a formula that would give roughly two-thirds of the spaces to applicants from the Soviet Union. (Kuna)

Envoy union files suit: The union that represents career diplomats is taking legal steps to combat what it calls a disturbing pattern by the White House of appointing incompetents to key ambassadorships.

The American Foreign Service Association filed a lawsuit yesterday in US District Court, naming Secretary of State James A. Baker III as the defendant.

The highly unusual move follows the nomination by the White House of a number of envoys who have come under sharp criticism on grounds they have neither the diplomatic skills nor background knowledge of the countries where they are being sent. (AP)

Typhoid kills 19: Typhoid has killed 19 people in a village in northern Nepal, the Nepalese Ministry of Health said yesterday.

Most of the 19 were children who died in July in a village in Sindhupalchok, 40 kilometres (25 miles) north of the capital of Kathmandu, the ministry said.

The deaths were reported when a medical team sent to the area to treat typhoid victims returned to Kathmandu. Typhoid is endemic in rural Nepal. (AP)

Misinformation led to Korean war, says former Kim aide

SEOUL, Sept 9, (UPI): A former top aide to North Korean President Kim Il-Sung and one-time North Korean ambassador to Moscow said today Kim started the 1950-53 Korean War misled by a man who headed an outlawed Communist Party in South Korea before the civil war.

Lee Sang-Jo, 74, who arrived in Seoul last Sunday via Tokyo from Moscow met reporters briefly after paying a visit to Park Chul-Un, first state minister for political affairs. Lee said he came to meet a step sister who is living in South Korea.

It was Lee's first visit to South Korea in 57 years. He was born in Pusan, Korea's second largest city located 205 miles (330 km) southeast of Seoul.

"The Korean war was started by Kim Il-Sung who was misled by Park Hun-Yong, communist leader in South Korea who insisted that once North Korean troops invaded the South popular uprisings will topple the South Korean government," Lee said.

"If required, I can make official testimony in this regard. It is nonsense to allege that the three-year Korean War was started by the South."

Lee has lived in exile in Minsk in the Soviet Union since 1957 when he sought political asylum refusing an order to return home for involvement in a plot to rise against Kim Il-Sung's personal cult. At that time he was North Korean Ambassador to Mos-

Students battle police in Seoul

SEOUL, Sept 9, (AP): Radical students, shouting "Down with (President) Roh Tae-Woo," battled police with firebombs yesterday as authorities began legal proceedings against a student who made an illegal trip to communist North Korea.

Some 500 students at Dongguk University in Seoul fought police with rocks and firebombs, demanding the release of the woman student, Miss Im Su-Kyong. Police fired tear-gas and broke up the protest in one hour.

Five students were arrested but no injuries were reported.

About 200 students at Yonsei University also in Seoul blocked traffic on a main street in front of their school for an hour, shouting "Release Miss Im." While riot police watched, students unfurled a large yellow banner reading "Abolish national security laws."

In the southern city of Kwangju, about 1,000 students occupied a section of a railway near their school, Chosun University, yesterday, delaying an outbound passenger train for 35 minutes, the Yonhap news agency said.

Police fired volleys of tear-gas to break up the crowd armed with hundreds of firebombs, the South Korean news agency said. Two students were injured by fragments from exploding tear-gas canisters, it said.

Firebombs

In Taegu, President Roh's hometown 280 kilometres (175 miles) southeast of Seoul, 200 radical students fought police with rocks and firebombs for one hour before dispersing voluntarily. They also demanded Im's release.

Friday's clashes followed a government announcement accusing North Korea of manipulating dissident movements in South Korea through its organisations in Europe, Australia and the United States.

The Agency for National Security Planning, the main government intelligence organisation, said Im's illegal trip to North Korea in July was resulted from Pyongyang's manipulation.

North Korea, the agency said, mobilised several pro-communist Korean organisations in the United States, West Germany and Australia to get a South Korean radical student group to send a delegate to a world youth festival in its capital of Pyongyang in July.

After Im's arrival in Pyongyang for the July 1-8 festival, North Korea maximised publicity of her trip for propaganda purposes, the agency charged.

Im was arrested when she returned to the South Aug 15, accompanied by a dissident Catholic priest, who was also arrested on charges of violating the national security law against making an unauthorised visit to an enemy state.

She is charged with other violations ranging from receiving money from communist agents to going to the North under communist orders. If found guilty on all charges, she could be sentenced to death.

The agency said Im was moved from an agency safe house to prison yesterday. Prosecutors have 30 days to decide whether to return an indictment.

Briefing reporters yesterday, a spokesman for the security agency said North Korea used an anti-Seoul, pro-communist organisation, called the "Unification Front," with offices in Los Angeles, West Germany and Australia.

The agency said the Los Angeles-based group had a staff member arrange for a member of a similar anti-Seoul group in Australia to fly to Seoul and make arrangements for Im's trip to the North via Frankfurt, West Germany.

A group of dissident Roman Catholic priests said yesterday it plans to send about 20 South Korean clerics to communist North Korea but it wants to do it legally this time.

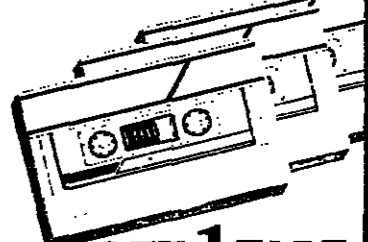
The Catholic Priests Association for Justice, a dissident group, has come under public fire for illegally dispatching a priest last month to escort home a South Korean radical student from an unauthorised trip to the North.

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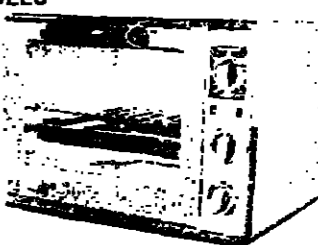


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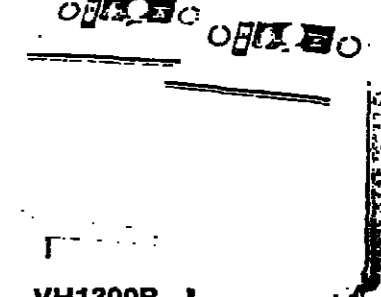
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GOIC criticises lack of export policy

Call to set up industrial strategy

THE Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consultation (GOIC) has criticised the absence of a specific policy for supporting exports in the GCC countries.

In a study published recently, the organisation said for the time being there is no specific policy to support GCC exports either locally or regionally, despite the imperative need for formulating a viable policy.

The study clarified that support should encompass several areas including financial and technical. The study suggested submitting concessional credits to GCC countries' exports to international markets. These procedures are followed by a number of industrialised countries and is

considered as an important means towards supporting exports.

The study called on the member states to finance some long term packages to some friendly countries who would like to import goods from GCC countries. This method had been followed during 1970/1971 for supporting exports of Kuwait Petrochemicals Industries output and had proved beneficial in increasing the company's financial standing as the world petrochemical industries were passing through a critical phase during that period.

Research

In a related development, the study suggested the possibility of the GCC countries

participating in financing scientific and applied research which aims at enhancing the output of industrial projects.

Speaking of the technical support to be extended by the GCC countries to industries, the study suggested that such support could be represented by extending necessary data over the world markets and the volume of the demand for GCC outputs in addition to submitting the necessary data over the cost of the competitive products in the international markets and the choice of the appropriate technology required for improving industrial products.

Meanwhile, GOIC has suggested in its study the establishing of an export bank to be founded especially for extending finan-

cial and technical support to GCC industries. For the time being this task could be awarded to the member states industrial development banks.

The study called for establishing necessary scientific centres for submitting technical consultations over the current and the future situation of the region provided that such centres should be financed by member states in the form of imposing taxes on the industrial companies profits.

The study also called for setting up of the necessary industrial strategy which should adopt industries that serve the national economy and eventually help diversify income sources commensurate with available potentials in the arena.

Protection for Kuwaiti properties overseas

THE assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice for real estate registration and documentation Naser Al Nasrullah has said that the ministry is making a study to protect properties of Kuwaiti citizens abroad. The relevant authorities made preliminary studies to make bilateral agreements between Kuwait and countries in which Kuwaitis have properties like Turkey, Cyprus, Greece and Spain. But he added that the ministry needs important information from citizens who have such properties about difficulties they have encountered in registering and protecting their real estate in these countries.

Nasrullah pointed out that Arab ministers of justice will hold a meeting in Rabat next month to discuss the final draft of the Arab unified law for real estate registration. The law will unify the concepts and rules of registering real estate in Arab countries. The law will also settle disputes about ownership of properties among Arab countries in an amicable manner. He added that the ministry is now revising the clauses of the GCC Economic Agreement that relates to ownership of properties in GCC states by citizens. The GCC states will hold a meeting on Sept 20 to discuss difficulties that hinder the application of this part of the agreement, he said.

Computerisation

The real estate registration department of the ministry began using computers in storing data of all documents of ownership of real estates since 1930. The computer will also be used in issuing real estate certificates required by official departments as of the new year, he said. The department also began using the microfilm service to store real estate contracts and is working to increase Kuwaiti cadres in the department, the official said.

Real estate registration is intended to streamline the work process and other formalities at the real estates market in Kuwait. Presently, some local banks have projects to make a real estate portfolio to activate the dealing movement at the market. The Public Investment Authority completed procedures to register real estates it bought recently in order to activate the market. He added that the present situation in the real estate market is subject to offer and demand.

Smoking meet

THE second Arab Symposium to combat smoking will be held in Baghdad from Oct 28 until Oct 30, 1989.

In the symposium, Bahrain will be represented by the consultant of the nose, ear and throat diseases and head of the Bahraini Cancer Fighting Society, Dr Jafar Al Ibreeq who will also present a special research on throat cancer and its relationship with smoking.

Ibreeq stated that research results revealed that among the thirteen throat cancer cases which occurred in Bahrain during the past three years, ten cases are direct results of smoking.

Jail sentence mandatory

Dud cheque cases increase significant

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

THE much talked about issuance of dud cheques has taken on added significance judging from the increase in such cases in the courts, litigations among individuals and companies and the increasing numbers of individuals sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment.

The law for issuing dud cheques is very explicit and ignorance of this law does not hold any argument in a court of law.

In an Arab Times interview with several people who issued dud cheques and now are serving their terms in prison, it has been established that they were fully aware of the risks, hoping not to be caught.

"I was assured by my partner that he will not cash the cheque, but his assurances proved false," said a 55-year-old man who was sentenced to seven years imprisonment at the Court of First Instance. The sentence subsequently was reduced to one year and eight months as he appealed to the Higher Court.

The court took into consideration that this was his first offence. The man added the problem started when his Kuwaiti partner, who is a guardian to his brother, cashed the cheque of KD40,000 to take possession of the whole company.

The 55-year-old man said he was working with the family of his Kuwaiti partner for more than 23 years. The man admitted that he was running a good business with monthly contracts valued at KD40,000. However,

he gave the cheque to his partner on grounds of guarantee for the project in which he poured all his bank liquidity. The man said that he was left bare handed during the investigations when his partner took complete possession of all documents and the company.

He said no other alternative action could be taken for issuing dud cheques except imprisonment.

Another man "Abu Ahmed" who is serving his sentence in prison said that he was jailed for seven years and three months. Abu Ahmed spent three years and four months for issuing dud cheques with a value of KD150,000. He admitted that he was previously jailed for the same offence in 1974 and '80.

He had a trading business including buying and selling shares. He was imprisoned in June, 1986. He said his balance in the bank was not enough, so he asked his payee to give him a few days to cash the cheques, as he lost all his money in the stock market.

Another 36-year-old convict said that he was running a good business in Kuwait. He came to Kuwait in 1979. By the end of 1980 he was lucky to open many companies and stores with another Kuwaiti. He also offered to take possession of his young girl.

But he was arrested by his creditors in the market, for trading in drugs and was ordered to leave the country.

Prior to his deportation, he was sent to the central prison for issuing dud cheques of KD1,000. The man serving five years in the central prison said that it is

very difficult for him to solve his other business with his partner because he is serving his term now. The man was fully aware of what he did, and admitted that he was tricked by his partner who wanted to cash the cheque to get rid of him.

Arab Times interviewed a number of bankers regarding the issuance of cheque books. The general consensus is that bankers issue cheques only after ascertaining the credit-worthiness of the customers. Should a customer issue a cheque with insufficient funds, the bank sends the customer a letter of warning. A repeat performance incurs a second stricter warning. On third instance, the customer is called to return the cheque book and his account is closed.

Another banker said that the phenomenon of providing post-dated cheques for the purchase of cars on instalments has also contributed to a large extent to the number of cases of dud cheques. These post-dated cheques are akin to promissory notes.

Seven years imprisonment and a fine of KD700 is the maximum punishment for issuing dud cheques, according to lawyer Khalid Taber. He said that any person who issues dud cheques will be imprisoned if the value is below KD100,000. If the value is above KD100,000, the offender could not cash the cheque, ordered the bank not to honour the cheque, or his signature differed.

However, if there is an out-of-court settlement between the two parties, the court will set aside its verdict, the lawyer said.



Buddy Patungan

FCC repeat performance a success

BEYOND all expectations, the Filipino Cultural Club's (FCC) encore performance of Fiesta Filipiniana '89 last Friday at the Al Jahra Room of the Meridien Hotel was a rousing success.

The stupendous bravado and unsurmountable spirit of each and every performer left the audience dumb struck all through the enchanting evening — thanks to the efforts of Joey Laurente, Rolito Masig, Maricel Arce plus his working committee and the rest of the FCC team.

The embodiment of the club's ideals not only comprises the 'Curiosa Felicitas' of my group but also to all those generous and willing enough to help make our projects successful, said Buddy Patungan, Executive Director of the FCC.

Special thanks goes to the very accommodating Don Wapante Kanamara, the man behind the International Forwarding Co. Ltd. who incidentally is the main sponsor. FCC is also grateful to Andreas Matmuller GM of the Meridien, Consul General Olivia Palala, Atty. Loi Cortel, Dick Crease, Yousef Al Refai, Mr and Mrs Saleh Abu Ghosh and of course everyone who graced the affair.

Shop-owners complain

Shop-lifting rampant in Kuwait

By Bassam Qasas

ARAB TIMES/Seyassah have continued its tour of the local markets to collect views by shop owners on the growing phenomenon of shop-lifting, which, as some shop-owners say are mostly never referred to the police to avoid problems and therefore the incidents would usually be forgotten soon after the stolen article is returned.

Some say that on a number of occasions ladies would ask to try on a number of articles and often left the try-on kiosk with one article worn underneath.

One salesman said that it came to a point where employees could readily recognise those who visit the shop with the intention of stealing. "We have developed a secret gesture to draw our staff's attention to suspicious customers and consequently we would have them closely watched," he said.

Another salesman said that most thefts took place during peak work pressure hours where there would be many customers in the shop, such as during social or religious occasions. Potential thieves believe that during these periods, control will be difficult



Shop staff have to be constantly on the alert.

to maintain. However, we were successfully able to foil many attempts to walk away with tiny, high-priced articles, like watches, rings or expensive pens," he said.

A saleswoman at a ladies' wear shop said that sometimes five or six items are stolen in one day. Despite the presence of a scanning camera, we have to keep our eyes wide open, she fumed.

She added that strangely certain ladies look too classy for to even suspect them of having hidden any of the articles they would ask to try on, much less accuse them of actually doing that.

A salesman said that some women would steal a part of the

woman's suit they asked to try on, others would steal belts, and that thefts in general were becoming so common that all staff have to be constantly on a state of alert. Some of our staff are forced to follow potential shoplifters like their shadows to prevent giving them the slightest chance to steal any article.

An owner of a watch shop said that thefts occurring in his shop are much the same but different in style. One day a customer came to his shop and asked to buy the most expensive watch available. "Despite the high-class air that he was putting on, I still suspected him, and I nevertheless wrapped up a rare and

very expensive watch that was in my shop of a value totalling KD4920, but when he attempted to issue a cheque, I said it was against company policy to take cheques."

He added, I learnt later from my fellow business colleagues that the man was notorious for offering dud cheques and had actually been let out of jail only a few days back.

Another salesman said that some customers would attempt to get away with the article by offering phony or expired credit cards, but would always try to leave hastily when we try to confirm the validity of their cards by calling their banks.

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Constructive exchange on Arab causes

Cabinet briefed on Amir's trips abroad

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): HH the Amir today presided over a cabinet session at the Bayan Palace in the presence of HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed told reporters that HH the Amir briefed the cabinet on the satisfactory results of his recent visit to Egypt at the invitation of President Hosni Mubarak.

The Amir also spoke of the "constructive exchanges" that took place during the visit which tackled all Arab causes topped by the tragic situation in Lebanon and developments of the Palestinian question in addition to Arab-Islamic and Afro-Arab relations, Rashed underlined.

The talks further covered all aspects of bilateral co-operation in various spheres, the minister said, noting that HH had expressed deep appreciation toward the frank and brotherly feelings and the hospitality accorded to him on the popular and official levels which reflected spirit of sincere

fraternity and solid relations binding the two peoples.

HH expressed satisfaction toward the joint and identical views between Kuwait and Egypt on all problems discussed and toward the level of bilateral relations which will positively reflect on interests of both nations and on boosting joint Arab endeavour and serving Islamic and Arab questions, Rashed went on.

He said that HH further explained to the cabinet the outcome of the 9th non-aligned summit conference which concluded in Belgrade at dawn yesterday.

HH who headed Kuwait's delegation to the summit, spoke of the international political questions tackled at the summit including the Palestinian cause, the Lebanese crisis and means of ensuring comprehensive peace in the Gulf area.

Nam debates on the international debt problem and its impact on the present and future status of the developing nations and

the Amir's initiative in this regard, which was appreciated by all participating countries in view of its practicality, were also reviewed by the Amir in his address to the cabinet, Rashed noted.

The Amir also informed cabinet members on details of the meetings he held on the periphery of the Nam summit with a number of leaders of sisterly and friendly countries which were conducted to boost the role of Nam and develop its mechanism of work to achieve aspired the goals, Rashed elaborated.

The state minister noted that the cabinet, for its part, warmly thanked HH for his constructive role in the conference which reflected the concern and keenness of Kuwait to positively solve problems of human society.

The cabinet also expressed satisfaction over the Nam summit's objective resolutions, the minister noted, adding that the decisions formed a qualitative step along the Nam path of enhancing world peace

and fostering political and economic co-operation among the Third World countries in a way realising their peoples' aspirations.

The state minister underlined that HH the Amir briefed the cabinet on results of his meetings with Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov and Turkish President Kenan Evren during his brief visits to Varna and Istanbul on his way home from Belgrade.

Rashed quoted the Amir as saying that he exchanged views with both heads of state on possibility of settling their countries dispute within framework of HH's good offices in his capacity as current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Rashed noted that HH aims at containing this dispute via amicable means to restore good neighbourly relations between them based on the Amir's keenness to follow up all issues of concern to the Islamic nation.



Amir receives Joxe

French Interior Minister Pierre Joxe, currently on an official visit to the country, today conferred separately with His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Al Sabah.

The outcome of the two meetings which were held in presence of Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah has not been made available.

Sheikh Salem and Joxe presided over Kuwaiti-French talks on security affairs, which began late in the day. Joxe is the first French Interior Minister to visit Kuwait since it attained independence in 1961.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri cables

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today sent a cable of congratulations to the Bulgarian president on the occasion of his country's national day.

HH also sent a similar cable to the president of the Peoples Democratic Republic of Korea on the occasion of his country's national day.

Premier messages

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received a message from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The two messages were relayed by British Charge d'Affaires to Kuwait Ian L. Blackley.

Education meeting

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri today chaired a meeting of the council of undersecretaries.

The council discussed preparations for the new academic year, which will start Monday.

French visit

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad met at his office today with visiting French Interior Minister Pierre Joxe and the accompanying delegation.

Present at the meeting were Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Foreign Minister Undersecretary Sulaiman Majid Al Shaheen, other senior officials from the ministry and Director-General of the Public Administration for Security of Installations Brigadier Yousif Al Mishari.

The French Ambassador to Kuwait Jean Bellivier also took part in the meeting.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters that the encounter centred on bilateral relations and the situation in Lebanon and the Middle East.

He added that talks between the French minister and his Kuwaiti counterpart would tackle strengthening of bilateral co-operation in the fields of social security and combating of terrorism and drugs trafficking.

Literacy drive

RIYADH, Sept 9, (Kuna): The Arab Educational Bureau for the Arab Gulf countries today called for concerted efforts to eliminate illiteracy in the developing nations once and for all.

A statement, issued by the bureau's Director-General Dr. Ali Bin Mohammed Al Tuweiri on the occasion of the International Day of Illiteracy Eradication which fell yesterday, advocated spreading public awareness on dangers of illiteracy.

The bureau, in co-operation with Unesco and other international organisations, will contribute in conferences, seminars and activities that will start by 1990 to mark the start of the proposed international decade for illiteracy eradication, he concluded.

Weather forecast

WELL known Kuwaiti astronomer, Dr. Saleh Al Ujaini said yesterday that temperatures and relative humidity will continue at their present level till the end of this month. The country is passing through a state of dry hot weather and this wave will continue for 7-10 days. But he added that relative humidity will go up in the beginning of next month accompanied by a slight drop in temperature.

This weather will continue till the third week of October when heavy showers of rains are expected with a fall in temperature. He added that rains will soon be followed by another wave of dry weather which will continue till the end of the first week of November.

Kuwaiti souks to be completely re-organised

Amir market to open next National Day

MINISTER of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti said yesterday that the Amir Souk in Kuwait City will be opened during the celebration of the 29th National Day in February next year. The establishment of this market comes within the re-organisation of the old Kuwaiti markets in the heart of Kuwait City, Houti said that HH the Amir and the government are paying great attention to this re-organisation.

The new markets will maintain their Kuwaiti traditional architectural designs with a modern touch. The markets include the Amir Souk, Fish, Vegetables and Fruits Market, Money-exchange square, Haroun (women) market, Waqf and Zal markets. The official said that the fish, vegetables and fruits market will be offered in a tender in November this year.

The reorganisation project is necessitated as these markets have become outdated.

Houti said that the Fish, Vegetables and Fruits Market will consist of about 500 shops in addition to a car park for 300 cars. The cost of the project is estimated at KD 4.75 million. The Amir Souk will consist of over 75 shops in addition to public services and utilities. A number of beautification projects will be carried out in the souk besides establishing a public café and other utilities. Work in the Amir Souk started November last year. Houti also toured the two main markets and inspected the progress of work.

Projects

Meanwhile undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Works Mohammed Al Sane has said that the ministry is about to complete 21 projects being carried out on behalf of ministries and government establishments.

He expected that these projects will be completed before the end of this year. These projects consist of schools for the Ministry of Education costing KD 4 million (two secondary schools and the religious institute). The Public Works Ministry will also complete a project of the Kuwait Society for the Blind.



Houti visiting the Amir Souk.

of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour in Maidan Hawalli. The building consist of three floors and costs about one million dinars, he said.

Sane pointed out that the ministry is carrying out a project of the central workshop to repair and maintain medical equipment for the Health Ministry at an estimated cost of about KD 850,000. The ministry is building an additional floor at the Faculty of Technological Studies of the Public Authority for Applied Education that costs about KD 200,000.

He pointed out that Public Works Ministry is carrying out some projects for the National Guard of the Defence Ministry. One of these projects is the premises and headquarters of the National Guard and barracks rooms for officers at National

Guard Camp. The project costs about KD 285,000. We are also building barracks rooms for soldiers (46 barracks rooms) that cost KD 520,000 beside similar barracks for soldiers and non-commissioned officers at the National Guards Camp in Mubarakiya (Jiwan) that cost KD 1.3 million.

The ministry is expanding the Telecommunications Training Institute of the Ministry of Communications that cost KD 3 million. The ministry is carrying out the first stage of the project to renew the sewage network in Kuwait besides carrying out new sewage networks at some roads under construction like Jahra-Ghazali road, internal roads in Kuwait City, internal roads that link different units of Defence Ministry and in South of Surra area, the official said.

Private schools needs being monitored

ASSISTANT undersecretary for private education at the Education Ministry Dr. Yaqoob Al Sharrab has said that preparations for the new academic year continue. A plan has been set up to monitor the needs of private schools for teachers, principals, administrators and financial staff.

He told a local daily that a general meeting was held at the ministry's training centre attended by principals from private schools during which discussion dealt with preparations to receive students at the start of the new year.

He added that emphasis was laid during the meeting on the need for continuous co-ordination with the Private Education Department at the ministry in respect to meeting any potential need for teachers, approve appointed teachers and maintain regular checks of budgetary matters.

Students registration continues and so far 17,000 pupils have enrolled. The department plans to prepare an inventory of students up to mid October.

The official urged parents to enrol their children at schools in areas of low population density and avoid insistence on schools in certain locations to prevent any undue rise in students population in one school.

The total number of students in the 125 Arab and foreign private schools reached 135,000, Sharrab said.

UN chief appreciates Amir's debt suggestion

KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was quoted here today as expressing deep appreciation of HH the Amir's last year proposal for writing off interests on the Third World debts.

In a statement to a local Kuwaiti daily De Cuellar described the Amir's call as positive and constructive.

He added that finding a solution for debt problems is very important to accelerate development in those states.

Perez de Cuellar, who made the statement in Belgrade where he attended the non-aligned summit conference which ended Thursday, said that HH the Amir's proposal will be discussed by UN experts as it is considered very important.

Responding to a question on the outcome of the non-aligned summit, the secretary-general said that the outcome was fruitful and dealt with the issues which concern the movement's member states particularly in achieving world peace.

Kuwaiti State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saud Al Ossaimi left here yesterday after participating in the 9th non-aligned summit conference which concluded here at dawn today.

Ossaimi had headed agenda of the summit and led the Kuwaiti delegation at part of the summit sessions.

He lauded resolutions of the Nam summit in a pre-departure statement to Kuna, describing them as "balanced and important."

He expressed hope that the movement would shoulder its responsibility in future and praised the conference's final communique.

Ossaimi said that the final statement was different from previous ones in the fact that it was objective, clear and concise and noted that affiliated resolutions were brief and focused on prominent topics away from the marginal ones.

The state minister noted that changes on the debates and thinking of various Nam members were evident during the 9th summit which shifted to a more approach to various questions.

Ossaimi noted that the Belgrade summit had laid the basis of a new mechanism for the movement that would take into consideration international changes.

The qualitative leap in Belgrade should be exploited to enhance cohesion among the member countries and to develop collective understanding of joint work for the benefit of the movement, its peoples and the world around it.

Current international crises, especially those plaguing the Arab region had their clear impact on the conference's deliberations which seriously tackled regional questions, Ossaimi went on.

The state minister expressed Kuwait's readiness to push forward the movement's activities in tackling sensitive questions.

Ossaimi was seen off by a number of senior Yugoslav officials along with the Kuwaiti ambassador to Belgrade.

Meanwhile, Romanian ambassador to Kuwait Gheorghe Serbanescu was quoted today as hailing HH the Amir's speech in the United Nations calling for resolving debt problems of Third World countries.

The ambassador told a local daily that Romania was among the leading states to appreciate the speech's humanitarian effects, and its positive role in setting the rules for a new international economic order which will help developing countries.

Gang fights common in remote localities

Lethal weapons used

KUWAITI authorities have of late been concerned with the increase in incidents of youths engaging in gang fights.

The increase in the number of casualties reported - some of which are of a serious nature manifests the necessity for urgent action to redress this phenomenon.

In this report, several social elements have been interviewed to ascertain the causes and effects of such gang fights among youths who do not hesitate to use sharp, lethal weapons.

In an interview a segment of gang members, said that basically they are located in remote areas which lack any recreational facilities. Plenty of leisure and no where to spend it inevitably leads to a sense of abandonment resulting in a feeling of doing something adventurous. This feeling of attaining excitement is a common thread amongst several groups of youths and eventually results in rivalry culminating in pitched fights between rival groups of youths.

Mane F. a 16-year-old youth said he has participated in almost fifteen gang fights this year. In one of these incidents, he was very badly injured and had to be hospitalised for over a month.

When queried about the law and the punitive measures that will follow when apprehended for engaging in such gang fights, the youth replied that he had no idea about the articles of the law. He said that all kinds of tools and

instruments are used during these fights and these fights are planned to be held at a particular place and time.

On being asked to recall the reasons for these fights, Mane said that most of these youth feel they have no one to talk to, are neglected by their parents or older brothers and band together in a common cause. Rivalry among these various groups of youths for no particular reason is the cause of most fights, he said. Some fights have even been caused simply because one youth from a gang felt that he was being stared by another from a rival gang, he added.

Meshal who lives in Jahra said that his area has only one club and youth centre. As the facilities are overcrowded, he said that he never gets an opportunity to engage in sports activities. However, he said that basically he does not like to mix with people and finds the company of those youth who do not like to mix socially more congenial. However, he added, that all these youth sense a lack of love and this has set in their feelings of resentment which are manifested in aggressive behaviour leading to gang fights.

Saleh M. said that he does not like to participate in gang fights, but is compelled to do so when one of his brothers or friends is attacked and calls on him for assistance. He indicated that he only uses his hands and has till now avoided using any ins-

truments. However, he said that he has been injured by lethal weapons. He added that he practices weightlifting and likes to swim to keep in trim.

Saleh M., another 21-year-old youth who carries a deep scar on his forehead hides it with a scarf (hata). During the interview he said that this scar is the result of a fight where another youth slashed him with a knife in 1987. When queried as to why he did not report the incident to the police, the youth replied that it was a matter of personal honour and he would seek his own revenge at a time and place he thought to be appropriate.

Meanwhile, the acting security director at Jahra Governorate, Col Saleh Abdullah Al Saad said that having many nationalities in the country and the prevailing polygamy increased the occurrence of gang fights. Further, he said that divorce also contributed to lack of parental control and love and led these youths to freely roam the streets seeking any form of wild entertainment.

Regarding efforts made by educational authorities, Col Saleh Al Saad said that security authorities at the governorate are in constant contact with all authorities. He indicated that co-ordination activities are conducted at the beginning of each academic year to preserve security and stability within schools at the Jahra Educational Area.

Kuwaitisation process going on gradually

People more aware

ASSISTANT Undersecretary of the Civil Service Commission, Mohammad Al Rushood said that the replacement of expatriate government staff with Kuwaitis is being implemented in accordance with recommendations of the administrative development and five-year plan committees. He added that the process is going on gradually and in a natural way. He stressed that this process of replacement is taking place in the administrative jobs in particular.

Rushood said that according to statistics issue in January this year, Kuwaitis in the government staff are over 64,000 against 80,000 expatriates. He added that thus Kuwaiti government staff forms about 44.5 per cent and expatriates form 55.5 per cent. He added that in 1981, Kuwaitis formed only 33.6 per cent and expatriates 66.4 per cent of the overall government staff.

The government employs at present over 144,000 employees. Rushood denied that there is unemployment in Kuwait adding that the CSC is continuously co-ordinating with the Kuwait University, Public Authority for Applied Education and Training and the Planning Ministry, to determine the needs of various ministries and government departments from Kuwaiti graduates.

He said that what happens sometimes is that a large number of students in a particular subject or specialisation graduate and want to work in that field. In this case, the ministries may not find enough jobs in the same field and training is then implemented in order to employ them in other fields.

In this case, the number of admissions in that particular specialisation, is immediately reduced, Rushood said. He affirmed that proving the nationality of the government employee is an important pre-condition to continue in the job and similarly the nationality is also an important pre-condition,

1,240 fires reported in first half of '89

People more aware

THE deputy director of the fire fighting department at the General Fire Administration Lt. Col Jassem Al Mansouri has said that a total of 1,240 fire and rescue accidents were reported in the first six months of this year, compared to 2368 incidents reported during the same period last year.

The deaths and injuries reported in the first 6 months of this year were lower with 585 cases compared to 599 cases reported in the same period last year. He added that four firemen were injured this year during performance of their duties. He referred the reduction in fire accidents to the mercy of Allah and then to the informational plan carried out by the administration.

The plan included cultural seminars and TV programmes designed to highlight the serious consequences of fire and methods of prevention and combating fires. He added that fire centres respond to any call within 45 seconds and said that citizens have become more aware in fighting fire.

This is proved by the increase of sales of fire extinguishers in the local market. The informational plan has been initiated since the beginning of 1988.

Expertise

Mansouri pointed out that firemen have a high level of expertise in concluding if fires are caused intentionally or accidentally. In fact, we have proved that many fires were caused intentionally. Some companies set fire to their stores to gain insurance money. The administration usually refer files of these accidents to the investigations department of the Interior Ministry that refer defendants to the judicial authorities. He added that fire units do not get any compensation or bonus when they perform their duties.

Commenting on problems that face firemen during their duties, Mansouri pointed out that some companies do not abide by fire regulations in their old stores and warehouses which prevents firemen from reaching the place of accident as soon as possible. They also do not respond to instructions of the fire administration to install fire alarm systems or if they are installed do not maintain them. Mansouri called on citizens and expatriates not to crowd at the place of fire which hinders the activities of firemen and fire vehicles.

The administration will build a fire boat according to the latest security specifications. The department also prepare plans to film firemen and administrative staff during their duties in order to develop their performance, he said.

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Rocard open to ridicule

PREMIER Michel Rocard looks a bit odd and uncomfortable these days in French newspaper cartoons, wearing only a loincloth or fig leaf on his skinny frame.

For the new look in governmental fashion, the Socialist premier can blame his own chief aide, Jean-Paul Huchon, who enumerated Rocard's 11 chief social policy goals in a speech last week, and chose to the "labours of Hercules."

Aside from leaving Rocard open to ridicule from opposition leaders and cartoonists alike, the evocation of the Greek hero's superhuman feats has focused attention on a widespread feeling within Rocard's own Socialist Party that the government has put too much emphasis so far on sober management and not enough on social progress.

Even the list of would-be herculean tasks set out by Huchon falls well short of what many Socialists would like to see. Included are such goals as a reform of the financing of social spending and a proposed pact with public employee unions linking higher pay with more competitive and efficient service.

Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement, a leader of the party's left wing, said in a speech last week that it was time to put an end to the "free-market turn" that socialist policies had taken in France.

When President Francois Mitterrand led the socialists to power in 1981, they installed a programme of wage increases, reduction in hours worked weekly, nationalization of industries and other measures that quickly had the economy headed toward ruin, with high inflation and a disastrous trade deficit.

The government reversed course two years later, and ever since the Socialists have pursued economic policies founded on free-market principles and generally only a bit to the left of those put in place when the conservatives were back in power from 1986-88.

"It's always within a family that there's the most squabbling," he was quoted as saying this week in an interview with the weekly *Le Point*. "What I'm hearing these days, I don't take it for criticism, but for the normal phosphorescence of a party for which the worst thing would be to become a party of yes-men."

The bickering within the socialist family certainly hasn't hurt Rocard's popularity ratings.

A poll by the Sofres public opinion firm published Saturday in the weekly *Figaro*-magazine found 61 per cent of those sampled had confidence in Rocard to solve France's problems, compared with 33 per cent who did not. The other 6 per cent had no opinion. Other recent polls have had similar results.

"Rocard is very concerned with good management, which can be popular with those who are not the traditional supporters of the left," Education Minister Lionel Jospin said in a televised interview Monday.

Left unsaid was the point that Rocard is not as popular as he might be among those who do traditionally support the left — especially union leaders and public employees and even Socialist Party members.

A front-page cartoon in the newspaper *Le Monde* recently showed Rocard, in his loincloth, having objects thrown at him in a socialist meeting. Outside the door, a man and woman are saying, "We think Rocard's doing pretty well." A party official replies, "Oh. You must not be in the party."

Rocard, Jospin, Chevenement and former Socialist Premier Laurent Fabius are all contenders for the succession to Mitterrand when his second term expires in 1995, and they are already jockeying for position.

The biggest hazard looming for Rocard is the prospect of widespread strikes this fall by public employees — ranging from airport firemen to police workers to policemen. In something of an autumn routine in France, their leaders have been promising to "make things hot" for the government unless they get higher pay.

They point to better-than-expected economic growth this year, which has swelled government revenues, and say public workers should get a share.

Mitterrand, keeping with his normal practice, has had little to say or do with such domestic political matters.

PRESS REVIEW

A UNITED Arab Emirates (UAE) newspaper on Saturday urged the superpowers to co-operate with the Non-Aligned Movement in helping to resolve global problems.

The Dubai-based *Gulf News* was commenting on the outcome of the ninth summit of the movement which it said had adopted a "noticeably moderate" tone in its final document.

The Nam has sent out a signal to the two superpowers that it is willing to co-operate to draw up and implement global solutions to the world's problems," the paper said.

It urged the Western countries in particular to recognise they have "a historic opportunity to lead the Third World as well as the Eastern bloc in a new and more productive path."

The paper praised the Belgrade communique as a "remarkable achievement" because of the consensus it managed to reach among the 100-odd Nam members.

"The rest of the world should not fail to take notice of the less strident but no less urgent voice in which Nam has spoken at Belgrade," it said. (Kuna)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1526 — Forces under Turkey's Suleiman I capture city of Buda in Hungary.

1547 — Pierluigi Farnese, the pope's son, is murdered by Ferrante di Gonzaga, governor of Milan.

1654 — Russia's Tsar Alexis takes Smolensk after outbreak of war with Poland.

1780 — Hyder Ali of Mysore conquers region around Madras, India.

1844 — France's war in Morocco ends with Treaty of Tangier.

1885 — Britain makes compromise settlement with Russia over Afghanistan frontier.

1898 — Empress Elizabeth of Austria-Hungary is assassinated by Italian anarchist in Geneva.

1907 — British colony of New Zealand becomes a dominion.

1918 — Muslim riots break out in Calcutta, India.

1935 — Assembly of white settlers in Kenya denounces government policy and advocates closer union with Uganda and Tanganyika.

1939 — German Army gains complete control of western Poland; Canada declares war on Germany.

1945 — Vidkun Quisling is sentenced to death in Norway for collaboration with Germany during World War II.

1956 — President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who seized Suez Canal July 26, rejects 18-nation proposals for crossing the waterway.

1964 — Foreign ministers of Organization of African Unity, meeting in Addis Ababa, approve plan to end rebellion and political strife in Congo.

1967 — Gibraltar electorate votes to retain link with Britain rather than to return to Spanish sovereignty.

1972 — United States vetoes UN Security Council resolution that calls for immediate cessation of military operations in Middle East.

1987 — United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar starts mission to persuade Iran and Iraq to end their seven-year-old war and says he is hopeful.

1988 — Burma's president says nation's ruling party has decided to relinquish 26-year monopoly and hold free elections under multiparty system.

Power from barrel of a gun

Nothing has changed in Sudan

TANKS still guard military barracks and bridges over the two Nile rivers that come together at this desert capital. Military roadblocks are set up every evening at main intersections for the night-long curfew. And most of the top political leaders once saw being driven around town are now in jail.

But little else appears to have changed since a pre-dawn coup June 30 turned Sudan — formerly one of Africa's few multiparty democracies — into a military dictatorship.

The outlook here, among Sudanese civilians and Western diplomats, is that Sudan is probably in for a prolonged period of military rule.

"He doesn't like political parties; he denounces them," says a Western diplomat here who has met Sudan's new, self-appointed military ruler, Lieut Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

This diplomat says General Bashir sees the military as the logical, "ultimate" form of power. And that Bashir plans to stay as long as it takes to restore the economy and obtain an end to Sudan's six-year civil war with rebels in the south. These rebels are demanding a larger share of power in a unified government.

But Sudanese civilians and Western diplomats here say Bashir's actions toward achieving these twin aims have been confusing and conflicting. There is growing concern here, say some of these sources, that Bashir may in fact be leaning toward resumption of the war, rather than making a peace pact.

The new strong man still faces the uncertainty that a number of other military coups were in the making when Bashir made his move, diplomatic sources here say. Although he has since dismissed more than 300 Army and police officials and retired a number of senior military officers, he cannot be sure he has flushed out his potential rivals.

Meanwhile, he has transformed an open, free-talking atmosphere in Khartoum to one of caution, even fear. "People are afraid," says one Sudanese journalist. "We could be arrested at any time," a University of Khartoum professor says.

The military government of Bashir has banned all political parties, all newspapers (save a military one), all civilian associations, and all civilian meetings without government permission. The government also has detained without charges not only most of the top political leaders of the previous regime, but a number of civil and human-rights activists too.

Among those detained, according to a reliable Sudanese human rights activist who asked not to be named, is Ushari Ahmed Mahmoud, a lecturer at the University of Khartoum; Mustafa Abdel Gadir, a civil rights activist; and Khalid El Kid, professor of political science at nearby Omdurman Abila University. All three have criticised the military under past governments.

"They (the current military government) are setting scores, with people who have opposed the military in the past, says this activist.

On the three issues of peace, the economy, and democracy, most Sudanese interviewed are willing to "wait and see" how the new government handles them.

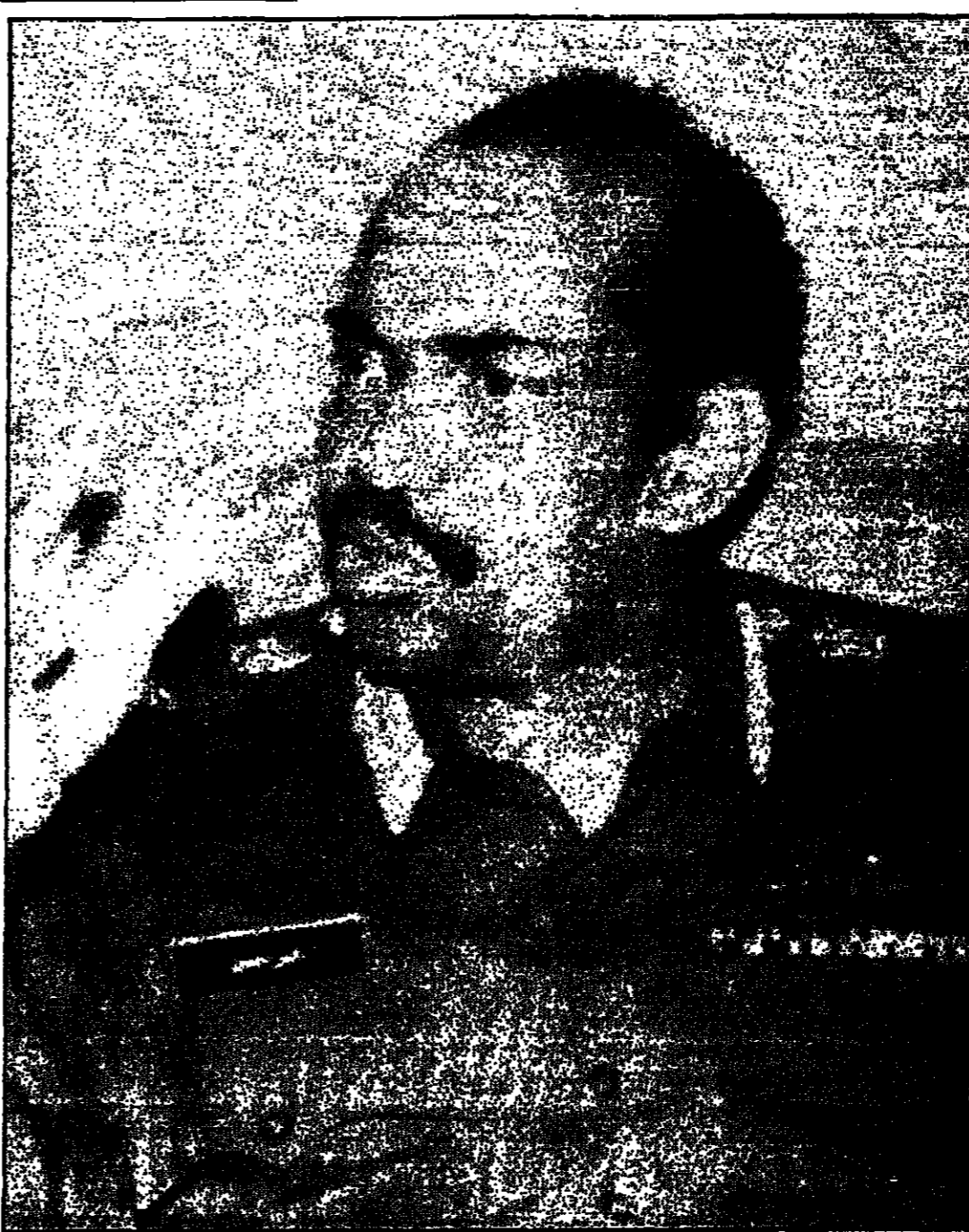
"I think he (Bashir) will be given a chance to see what progress. Let's say a year," says El Fatih Mekki, a Sudanese paediatrician.

PEACE: Both Bashir and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) publicly say they are ready to negotiate peace. On Aug 14 SPLA leader John Garang broke a long silence on Bashir and said the General might be more interested in dividing the country into two parts than in reaching an agreement with the SPLA for a united Sudan.

The next day Colonel Garang called on Bashir to form a new national army, including the SPLA, and to hold free elections. He rejected Bashir's offer for a ceasefire and for an amnesty for the rebels, but said he remains willing to talk. SPLA officials are discouraged, one of them says.

Bashir has thrown out the agreement which the previous government reached with the SPLA. It called for a ceasefire, an end to Sudanese foreign military pacts, freezing physical punishments under sharia (Islamic law), and holding a constitutional conference.

Instead, Bashir has offered two things the SPLA does not want: secession of the south, and a popular, nation-wide vote on whether to keep sharia. The SPLA suspects that such a vote would bring new



Lt Gen Omar Hassan Al Bashir

support to keep sharia, something the SPLA insists must be set aside because of the many non-Muslim Sudanese.

"I get the impression there will never, never be any peace" under Bashir, says a European diplomat in Khartoum. The diplomat says Bashir may have come to power "to pre-empt peace," noting that the coup took place just as peace negotiations appeared to be making progress. But another possibility is that he jumped in front of other military officers also planning imminent coups.

Bashir, this diplomat adds, either does not understand peace negotiations or wants to "provoke" the SPLA into action that would be an excuse for moving toward secession — dividing Sudan into an Muslim-dominated north and a predominantly animist-Christian south.

But a Western diplomat says most Sudanese would likely support a move toward secession.

On the issue of setting aside sharia, Mounir Ahmed, a private Sudanese social-work administrator and a devout Muslim, says he could never accept such a thing for the Muslim dominated areas of Sudan. Given the choice between more fighting and losing sharia, "I would choose to fight," he says.

But a Muslim Sudanese physician says, "Peace is more important. People are starving; children are dying."

ECONOMY: Bashir's government has made some popular moves to force merchants to sell basic foods at low, government-decreed prices. But shopkeepers have either quickly run out of goods or refused to open their stores.

"Prices are low, but the stores are empty," complains a Sudanese taxi driver here. He and others

complain of shortages of gasoline, sugar, bread, and other items.

The new government leaders "have no conception of what an economic policy is," says the University of Khartoum professor.

If the war is resumed or the economic crisis deepens, people are likely to demonstrate in the streets in large numbers, says the Western diplomat. Such demonstrations helped bring down the Jaafar Nimeiry government in April, 1985.

DEMOCRACY: At first, Bashir did not use the word "democracy" in his speeches. Then it began to crop up. But Sudanese civilians interviewed expressed no sadness at the demise of democracy, saying that the former democratic government of Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi had failed to end the war or improve the economy.

"Everyone felt there was a need for a change," says Ahmed. "But nobody can tell whether he (Bashir) would be satisfied with the Army ruling the country for the long run." Ahmed, like other Sudanese contacted, cited alleged corruption under the previous government as one of the reasons why people welcomed change.

"Democracy is very important," says Dr El Fatih. "But democracy in such a country as Sudan? He asks rhetorically, citing the nation's low level of literacy and high level of poverty. The government of Mahdi, he alleged, "misused democracy."

A Western diplomat said the tragic flaw in Sudan's recent democratic period was that the political parties fought with each other instead of pulling together for the national good. "But I'm afraid if it comes some day ... you'll again have the same parties." (Khartoum — CSM)

Refugees live in desperation

"I WAS a building contractor. I had a lot of houses and trucks. Now, in this camp, my children are nearly naked. I'm not used to it."

As Somalian Mohamed Abdillahi Youssef — one of the world's more than 14 million refugees — tells his story, a dozen pairs of eyes peer in from under the burlap and plastic walls of his hut.

His green-and-white scarf, a lingering touch of affluence, hangs down to frayed, gray-and-white-striped slacks. His plait illustrates the disruption in the lives of most refugees, and the challenges in helping them, especially in desolate, desert areas such as this one, miles from food and water. Water to the Somali camps, for example, is trucked in from wells 50 miles away.

Though Africa's approximately four million refugees constitute less than a third of the world's total, they absorb almost half the budget of the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR).

"Everything has to be brought in, from food to tents, to cooking utensils," says Mervyn Amar, a UNHCR spokesperson in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa. "Sometimes we have to build roads," she says.

The number of African refugees continues to climb, with civil wars continuing in Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mozambique, and Angola. And a border dispute between Senegal and Mauritania has forced the exodus of thousands from both countries.

As the escape door for people fleeing violence in both Sudan and Somalia, Ethiopia — among Africa's poorest nations — has become the unintended host to more refugees than any other African country, about 800,000, according to the UNHCR. Several hundred people continue to arrive daily from both countries, says a UNHCR official.

Last summer, several thousand Somali civilians trekked in daily as Somali troops fought fiercely against Somali rebels, especially in the city of Hargeisa, in northern Somalia, Abdillahi's home.

As Abdillahi continues his story, the curious crowd outside the hut swells to scores. But beyond the circle, camp life rolls slowly on in a routine mixed with desperation and fear, but also enterprise and

hope. While some camp residents claim they are nearly starving for lack of food, others, according to camp officials and some refugees, claim more than their share of rations by using multiple ration cards obtained by registering several times under assumed names.

"Some refugees happen to have five, six, 10 ration cards," says Albert-Alain Peters, UNHCR representative to Ethiopia. "Others, the most vulnerable ones, have one, maybe two."

In an interview at the food distribution site, a Somali refugee says fear of not getting enough food drives some refugees to sign up for more than one ration card.

"The problem of rations is the frequency of distribution is not right," says the refugee. "It always comes late. Sometimes we don't get a ration for one month."

The food distribution witnessed by this correspondent was the first in more than a month, according to Ethiopian and UNHCR officials. Items such as wheat flour and cooking oil do not always arrive in the camps at the same time from various international donors. Rather than hand out part of the ration, everything is held until the package is complete, a UNHCR official said.

There are also not enough trucks to keep up with timely food distribution, says another UNHCR official.

One result: "Those people with one ration card may starve," says an Ethiopian official at the camp. "They're getting about one third of what they should get."

Willard Pearson, Jr., is the representative to Ethiopia of the US Agency for International Development, a major food donor to the camps. He says it appears some food is going to people in "inappropriate ways," while "some people are simply not getting enough." He points out that there was a high level of malnutrition among the children in the camps.

Ashefani Mamo, an Ethiopian Ministry of Health doctor working in the camps, says malnutrition among children under five was about 25 per

cent last March. Since then, supplemental feeding for children under five and pregnant women and mothers of nursing babies has brought the level down to about 15 per cent, he says.

A one-day re-registration of all the refugees was planned for Aug 15 to try to solve the problem of ration cheaters. It might also have shed new light on one of the biggest mysteries of the Somali camps: How many refugees there actually are.

Going by Ethiopian figures, based on registration of everyone showing up and claiming to be a refugee, there are about 600,000 refugees in or around the camps. But a "guess" last summer by the UN put the number of refugees at just over half that, so only enough food for about 350,000 is being delivered, Peters says.

Peters also says the Ethiopian government has arrested a number of Ethiopian food-truck drivers and other Ethiopians on charges of stealing food.

Another part of the food problems is that ethnic Somalis living on both sides of the Ethiopia-Somalia border look similar and speak the same language, making it difficult for registration officials to know who is a refugee.

While for many, camp life means endless idle days of discouragement, others have taken paying jobs with international relief organizations operating in the camp.

A small number of young refugees have found places in the handful of camp schools. One small boy said sadly that he had found all the classes full. Another boy, who managed to get in, says he hopes someday to be a university graduate and earn a lot of money. "But when asked what he wanted to do, all he could think of was: 'Work in a refugee camp.'"

Some Somali refugees have opened small retail shops in a thriving market area that has sprung up near the main camp. Many of the Somalis arrived here with at least some goods and money from their homes.

But even the destitute sell some rationed food to obtain other kinds of foods lacking in their diet here.

One small store offers soap, spaghetti, cigarettes, pens, powdered soft drinks, and a radio repair service. Ethiopia — CSM)

10 Downing Street

No-go area

A FEW days before the 20th anniversary of sending British troops to Northern Ireland (Aug 14), workmen began digging a hole near the entrance of 10 Downing Street. They were installing a reinforced metal security barrier designed to flip up and block the path of terrorists trying to storm the official London residence of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The barrier is a symbol of the continuing threat posed by the illegal Irish Republican Army. Thatcher has been an IRA target in the past, and security advisers know another attack could come any time.

The new barrier also underlines a change in British attitudes: Downing Street always used to be an "open territory" for people wanting to gaze at the plain black door behind which British government is conducted. It now comes close to being a no-go area for all except officials and authorised visitors to No. 10.

Thatcher was out of the country on the 20th anniversary of the dispatch of British troops to the troubled province of Northern Ireland. At the time of this writing, nationalist protests marking the anniversary in Ulster have been restrained.

If there were hopes in 1969 that the soldiers could bring peace to Northern Ireland, they have been dashed. The best that can be said is that the presence of 10,000 troops in Ulster has helped contain the problem.

Security sources say that a mere 300 to 400 IRA members are active terrorists. The huge British military presence, supported by 6,000 members of the local Ulster Defence Regiment, is required to preserve law and order in the province.

According to one British official, there is no prospect of reducing the numbers of security forces any time soon. "The British presence is the difference between relative order and certain chaos," the official said. That is Thatcher's view as well.

It is also the opinion of the nine British politicians who, since 1969, have held the post of secretary of state for Northern Ireland. All, having done the job, must be accompanied by a Scotland Yard detective for years afterward. They, too, are top terrorist targets.

In Northern Ireland the religious and social equation has changed hardly at all. A Roman Catholic minority shares six counties with a Protestant majority which, with support from London, refuses to consider uniting Northern Ireland with the Republic of Ireland.

There are other aspects of the equation, and they add to the cost of maintaining the status quo in Northern Ireland. Because unemployment is high (double the mainland rate) London pumps in \$2.4 billion a year to keep the economy afloat. Roughly half the jobs in the province are financed through government spending.

The worst part of the equation, of course, is the continuing loss of human life. Since 1969, 2,762 people have died in the troubles — 2,167 of them civilians.

Thatcher has sworn that she will not give an inch to the IRA. British officials will say publicly that the troops are in Northern Ireland to defeat the IRA. Pressed hard, however, they often concede that the best that can be hoped for is the containment of terror.

Open rioting between the two communities in Belfast has diminished, as has the number of bombings and shootings. But the IRA has a higher success rate with the targets it does attack.

The security authorities' worst nightmare is that the IRA may begin to deploy modern ground-to-air missiles against the helicopters used for reconnaissance and for troop transport. So far the nightmare has been held at bay, despite reports that the IRA has some SAM-7 missiles and has been trying to obtain Stingers.

Thatcher's battle to crack terrorism will continue. Much faith is put in the 1985 Anglo-Irish accord between London and Dublin. It has helped to tighten up cross-border terrorism, and provides a venue for top-level political consultation.

But the prospect of defeating violence in the short term does not exist. One British official summed up the mood: "There is nothing to celebrate after 20 years, except that the terrorists have not prevailed. There is no way of knowing how much longer our troops will be needed there. They will stay for as long as necessary." (London — CSM)

Quote me

"In my religion only women act as priests, and they absolve the sins of men through sexualities. What I'm guilty of is believing in a religion that is very advanced for its time."

Elke Tress, high priestess of the Egyptian Church on being indicted on two counts of prostitution.

"Whoever did it must have been on drugs because it has absolutely no rhyme or reason. It's tailored for TV, but I think we're to the point now where tennis is going to carry itself, or people just aren't going to watch it. For the women to play a final and not know what time you're going to go on is ludicrous." — Martina Navratilova on scheduling of the Open after she reached the final.

"The initiative is in the interest of the Palestinians and their cause. We (Egyptians) are not after any benefits for ourselves." — President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt on the peace initiative he proposed to Palestinian leaders to supplement an Israeli peace plan.

"They say I'm going to be seriously punished. I think the most serious punishment will be expelling me from school. If I'm expelled, my life ... in China will be finished," — said a senior student at a Beijing technical school on his fears of expulsion for his part in the pro-democracy demonstrations in China.

"The enormous difference between our (Czechoslovak) League and the NHL (North America's National Hockey League) is the motivation. ... The pay is simply incomparable. When the (Czechoslovak) average hockey player is finished ... he has nothing. Out of a 400-dollar-a-month salary he could hardly save anything. And with some exceptions, nobody is going to look after him." — Jiri Hrdina, a former Czechoslovak national team captain comparing NHL players to those of the Czech League.

US seeks Zahir Shah's help for Afghan settlement

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (AP) — The United States has sent a special envoy to the former King of Afghanistan to discuss a possible political settlement of the Afghan civil war, an administration official said last night.

The King, Zahir Shah, has been living in Rome since he was deposed in a 1973 coup — led by his cousin, Mohammad Daoud — that abolished the monarchy and established the Republic of Afghanistan. Daoud was killed in a 1978 coup that installed a communist government, backed by the

Soviet Union.

The Soviets sent in troops in 1978 to back their Afghan allies against the Muslim rebels.

The insurgency, backed by the United States, was expected by some analysts to topple the Soviet-supported government after the withdrawal of Soviet troops in February.

But the government has held on, helped by arms shipments from the Soviet Union and disunity among the rebel factions.

The United States has been exploring

a political settlement for several months.

The king has both supporters and opponents among the resistance groups.

The US envoy visited the king in Rome last week, said the official who disclosed the visits, speaking on condition that no further identification be used.

It was at least the second such consultation, he said, adding, "it was not an extraordinary event."

Meanwhile, Afghan rebels captured

four security posts and three tanks as they battled closer to the communist-held garrison town of Khost near the Pakistan border, rebel sources contended.

A spokesman for Jalaluddin Haqqani, commander of what is reported to be a combined force of 3,000 US-backed rebels, said the insurgents are within three miles (five kilometres) on all sides of the besieged town.

Another source said the rebels, called mujahedeen, destroyed an AN-26 transport plane in a rocket attack on

Khost's airport on Wednesday.

Haqqani's spokesman, who goes by the name Mohed, said 15 government troops surrendered and handed over some heavy guns. He said three mujahedeen were killed and 14 wounded. Government casualties were unknown, the spokesman said.

He said rebels captured three tanks as they overran four posts, which he identified as Walim, Ghubao, Mirbaio and Bak.

The reports contradicted a recent Afghan government statement that the

battle for Khost was "completely over."

Reporters in the capital, Kabul, were told that government forces had retaken all positions lost since the rebels started the Khost offensive on Aug. 24.

A news agency representing seven mujahedeen groups based in Pakistan said that on Wednesday night the rebels hit Khost airport with long-range rockets, setting fire to buildings and destroying a Soviet-built AN-26 on the ground.

Arabs mark 21-month uprising with strike

220 intifada leaders detained

KALANDIA, West Bank, Sept. 9. (Agencies) — Palestinians said Israeli troops shot and wounded nine demonstrators today as Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip marked 21 months of their revolt against Israeli rule with strikes and protests.

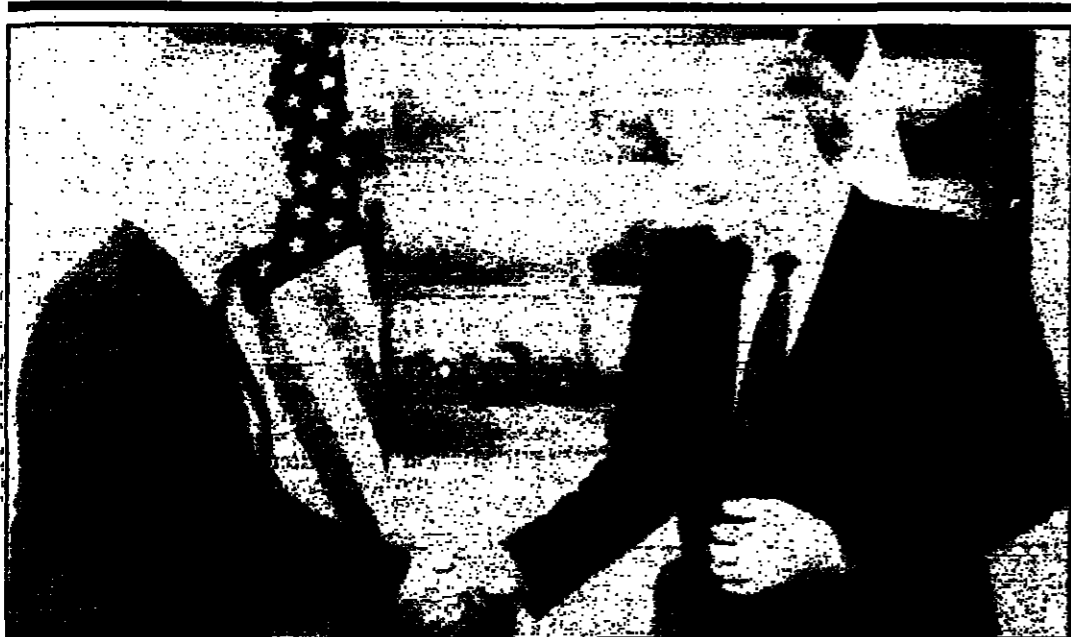
In Arab East Jerusalem off-duty police dog handler Ruven Perlmutter was injured by an Arab petrol-bomb attack as he drove past the Beit Hanina neighbourhood.

"He is in the intensive care unit for treatment to burns and lung

damage from the smoke," a medical worker at Jerusalem's Haddasah hospital told Reuters.

An Arab in Ketziot prison camp stabbed a cellmate for allegedly helping authorities. Security sources said guards rescued the unidentified Arab and sent him to an Israeli hospital.

Israel's co-ordinator for the occupied areas, Shmuel Goren, told Israel Radio he could not give full protection to the "hundreds of thousands" of Palestinians siding the authorities.



Cheney (right) welcomes Rabin at the Pentagon. (Reuters wirephoto)

I'll address UN: Arafat

9 Nam leaders to accompany to NY

JEDDAH, Sept. 9. (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat said in an interview published today that he would soon fly to New York with leaders of nine countries member of the Non-Aligned Movement to address the UN General Assembly.

He told the daily newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat: "I am going to New York to discuss the convening of the international conference on Middle East peace. The newspaper said it interviewed the Palestinian leader in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, during a summit meeting of the 102-member Non-Aligned Movement this week.

Egypt is spearheading Arab efforts to bring Washington not to block Arafat's intended visit, despite pressures by Israel.

In Washington, Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned the United States yesterday against granting Arafat a visa so he could address the United Nations this year.

"If that happens, it would be very grave," Rabin said, speaking to reporters after an hour-long meeting with US Secretary of State James Baker.

Arafat has not yet sought a visa and US officials say no decision has been made on how to handle such a request.

Rabin said he objected in particular to an endorsement by Arafat's Fatah group, the leading faction in the PLO, of increasing armed struggle by Palestinians against Israel.

"Israel would see it (the granting of a visa) very gravely especially after the Fatah convention," he said.

Rabin also held separate talks with Defence Secretary Dick Cheney and with national security adviser Brent Scowcroft during a six-hour visit to Washington.

Rabin also downplayed concerns about rocket attacks launched from Jordan, saying he was certain authorities in Amman would put an end to them.

Sudan bid for peace

KHARTOUM, Sept. 9. (AP) — Sudan's military ruler ordered a new peace committee today to draft a plan to end the long southern civil war on the basis of cultural diversity and religious freedom among Sudanese of African and Arab origin.

Lt Gen. Omar Hassan Al-Bashir also offered safe conduct to rebel leader John Garang if he accepts a government invitation to Khartoum for the committee meetings.

The 77-member panel, officially named the Steering Committee, was announced last Wednesday, with a mandate to prepare in a month a peace formula to negotiate with Garang's Sudan People's Liberation Army. Col Mohamed Ali Amin Al-Khalifa, the committee chairman, invited Garang to the inaugural meeting.

But a rebel broadcast set 10 tough conditions for his participation, including abandoning a nation-wide state of emergency; suspending Sharia, or Islamic law; and releasing all political detainees.

Opening the Steering Committee, Al-Bashir urged Garang to attend but ignored the demands.

"I review the invitation for the rebel leader to come to this conference with all guarantees for his safety," said Al-Bashir, chairman of the 15-member ruling junta.

He said the committee's duties will be "to formulate a political solution for a form of government that takes into account the country's cultural diversity within a unified Sudan."

The blueprint should also take into account "freedom of belief" in its utmost degree, Al-Bashir said.

Both Somalia, rebels blamed for killings

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (UPI) — Both sides in the civil war in Somalia are guilty of systematic mass killings, according to a report released yesterday by the State Department.

In one case, according to witnesses interviewed for the report, some 500 Issak men were rounded up near the town of Berbera and "were murdered, mainly by having their throats cut and then buried in mass graves."

The report said that they were murdered "apparently solely because they were Issaks," a local ethnic group.

The report also said: "It is conservatively estimated that at least 5,000 unarmed civilian Issaks were purposefully murdered by the Somali armed forces between May 1988 and March 1989," in a situation where the civilian population posed no threat to the armed forces.

The report by Robert Gersony, an outside consultant who spent a month in the area of the fighting interviewing more than 300 people, was released by the State Department's Bureau of Refugees, an unusual act in itself.

"Since only one side in the war — the Somali government — receives US financial assistance, the further delivery of that aid may become a political issue

when Congress takes up the next year's aid request, after reading the report commissioned by the State Department."

It portrays a bleak, brutal life for the civilian population in northern Somalia, caught in war between the government of Somalia and the rebel Somali National Movement. The Somali government receives about \$50 million in US economic and military assistance, plus emergency food supplies.

The long civil war in Somalia, which flared dramatically in May 1988 in a series of battles which continue, has resulted in an exodus of over 300,000 refugees, many of them to Ethiopia which, itself, is involved in a civil war and is struck by drought and recurring plagues of locusts.

The report said that the Somali armed forces, in response to the SNM's attacks, have engaged "in a widespread, systematic and extremely violent assault" on the civilian population who did not appear to pose any danger to the armed forces.

The report puts the number of dead from army summary executions as "many hundreds," with the clear indication that victims were chosen because they belonged to Issak ethnic group.

Residents of the occupied territories, with a population of about 1.7 million, said a strike called by the revolt's underground leadership was widely observed, with shops shuttered and public transport halted.

Stone-throwing Arab youths clashed with troops throughout the territories and Palestinian sources reported soldiers shot and wounded at least nine protesters.

Meanwhile, an army spokesman said that 220 Palestinians suspected of being local uprising leaders have been arrested in the last two weeks in a series of raids on towns and villages in the occupied territories.

In the Gaza Strip, medical staff at a clinic in Khan Younis said troops firing live ammunition wounded six residents of nearby Rafah. One was critically wounded in the chest and spine and transferred to an Israeli hospital, they said.

"If he survives he will be paralysed," a doctor told Reuters.

Hospitals and witnesses reported at least five more injuries in the strip and the West Bank, including two 10-year-old boys shot with plastic-covered steel pellets in the West Bank's Nur Shams refugee camp.

An army spokeswoman said reports of casualties would not be available for several hours.

At least 633 Arabs and 41 Jews have died in the uprising against Israeli occupation of the territories captured from Jordan and Egypt in 1967. An estimated 105 of the Palestinians were alleged collaborators slain by fellow-Arabs.

Troops in the Gaza Strip clamped curfews on Gaza city's Sabra neighbourhood, the Rafah district of Rafah and the Khan Younis Palestinian refugee camp, where troops shot dead an Arab teenager yesterday, the army spokeswoman said.

Sabra residents reported seeing at least 11 Arabs blindfolded and taken away in army vehicles. Military sources said the curfews were to facilitate arrests, removal of banned Palestinian flags and erasing of anti-Israel graffiti.

The army said Nablus, the West Bank's largest town, was under curfew for the eighth consecutive day as troops and security agents searched for uprising activists.

Israel radio said security forces had launched a fresh offensive against leaders of the revolt and had arrested 220 suspects in the past two weeks.

Troops barred journalists from the West Bank town of Ramallah and its southern approaches where residents contacted by telephone said the army was making large-scale arrests.

An army officer at a roadblock near Kalandia south of the town ordered a Reuters photographer to turn back but gave no reason for the closure.

Ethiopia talks move ahead

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 9. (Reuters) — Peace negotiators from Ethiopia and its rebel foes met for the third straight day today and conference sources suggested some progress was being made to try to end Africa's longest civil war.

Both sides seem to be serious. Something should come out of (of the talks)," one source told Reuters, but declined to give any details.

Another added: "at the rate at which they are going, I would imagine they should be able to wrap up things pretty soon."

But an aide to former US President Jimmy Carter, host of the talks aimed at ending a brutal 28-year war in Ethiopia's northern Eritrea province, would only say: "The two delegations are continuing their discussions."



Rushes to safety

A man holds his baby child and rushes for safety after clashes erupted between Syrian and Christian forces at the Museum crossing, the only link between the Christian and Muslim parts of Beirut. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mann's wife appeals

BEIRUT, Sept. 9. (Agencies) — The wife of 75-year-old British former fighter pilot Jack Mann made an emotional appeal to his kidnappers yesterday for more information about his reported death.

A weeping Sunny Mann told reporters at her apartment in the seaside Raouche neighbourhood in Muslim West Beirut that she was told of her husband's death on Monday by a man she did not know.

"Someone called me on Monday and asked to see me. We met at a shop in Hamra (central Beirut). He was well-dressed and spoke good English. We had coffee. He told me I have bad news for you: 'Your husband died,' she said."

Mann said she did not know the man's name or the source of his information and said he offered no details about the cause of her husband's death.

"I couldn't believe it at first but now I think it is authentic. I would like the man to contact me with more details and information," she said.

Mann, a former battle of Britain fighter pilot, was seized on May 12 as he drove to a bank in Syrian-controlled West Beirut.

Sunny Mann had been worried over her husband's health for some time because of his troublesome old war wounds and a stroke which left him in constant pain.

The previously unknown "Armed Struggle Cells" claimed responsibility for Mann's abduction.

Pope welcome via Syria

AL team will meet on Lebanon soon

CAIRO, Sept. 9. (Agencies) — An Arab League committee will "lay down the framework" for resuming efforts to end Lebanon's war when it meets next Wednesday, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said today.

A League summit in May asked the heads of state of Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco to seek a settlement of the 14-year-old conflict.

Their foreign ministers suspended efforts on July 31, saying they had reached a dead end. But several Arab countries, the United States, the Soviet Union and France have appealed to the committee to resume its work.

"We are going to meet in Jeddah on Wednesday to re-evaluate our work and lay down the framework for the resumption of our efforts," Prince Saud told reporters during a two-day visit to Cairo.

Nearly 800 people have been killed in five months of battles between Syrian forces and their militia allies and troops loyal to Christian Army Commander Michel Aoun.

"We hope that all parties concerned will positively respond to the peace calls," Egyptian Foreign Minister Esam Abdel Maguid added.

Meanwhile in Beirut Syrian and Christian forces fought in and around Beirut today as out-of-season torrential rain flooded fields and river banks where thousands of refugees have been camping to avoid the savage confrontation in the capital.

Police said three people were killed and 12 wounded in the duels on Beirut's mid-city green line during which rockets, artillery rounds and tank fire poured on residential neighbourhoods close to the front.

Two Sunni Muslim militiamen were shot dead in the southern Lebanon port of Sidon overnight, security sources said.

Pope John Paul is welcome to visit Lebanon if he goes there via Damascus, Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas has said in an Italian magazine interview.

The Vatican has said it is trying to arrange a humanitarian visit by the Pope to both the Christian and Muslim communities in Lebanon, where Syria has 33,000 troops fighting Christian-led forces.

US Secretary of State James Baker met yesterday with the US ambassador to Lebanon who was evacuated from the Beirut embassy on Wednesday, the State Department said.

Iran claims

Gulf talks progress

NICOSIA, Sept. 9. (Agencies) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said today negotiations at the summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Belgrade concerning the stalled Gulf war peace talks went better than Iran had expected.

Tehran Radio quoted Velayati as saying "what was passed in relation to the Iran-Iraq peace talks in the closing draft of the summit is far more balanced than what was first predicted."

The radio said that Velayati's comments were made on his return to Tehran from Belgrade, where the Non-Aligned summit closed yesterday.

The English-language Tehran Times, meanwhile, said in an editorial today that "some progress appears to have been made... in the Iran-Iraq conflict."

Meanwhile, a Swedish general has taken over as commander in Iran of UN forces monitoring the Gulf war ceasefire, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

It said Brigadier General Per Tage Kallstrom arrived in Tehran last night to replace General James Kelley, whose one-year mission in Iran ended last week.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Visa requirements

TUNIS, Sept. 9. (Reuters) — Egypt and Tunisia abolished visa requirements for Egyptian and Tunisian citizens with effect from today, a joint communiqué said.

The communiqué, released last night after a short visit to Tunis by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, said the prime ministers of the two countries would chair a meeting of a joint co-operation commission in the next few weeks.

Mubarak and Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali said they supported the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories and the Arab League committee set up to mediate in the Lebanese conflict, it added.

Mubarak invited Ben Ali to Egypt but no date has been set.

Meeting begins

CAIRO, Sept. 9. (Kuna) — The first meeting of the Egyptian-Saudi joint commission started here today under the chairmanship of foreign ministers of both countries, Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Ismat Abdul Meguid.

The two-day meetings will discuss the conclusion of several agreements to boost relations between the two countries and exchange opinions on political issues of mutual interest.

The commission will discuss construction of a bridge linking Egypt and Saudi Arabia in addition to tackling several agreements in the field of land and sea transportation.

Sub-committees are expected to be formed by the joint commission to discuss economic, technical, scientific, cultural, man power, transportation, communications and investment co-operation.

Attas in Amman

AMMAN, Sept. 9. (Reuters) — South Yemeni President Haidar Abubaker Al-Attas arrived in Amman today saying he hoped his first official visit to Jordan would lead to stronger ties.

King Hussein, cabinet ministers and senior palace officials welcomed Attas, who said:

"We are full of confidence that our visit and discussions with King Hussein will be successful and will serve the interests of the two peoples."

"We hope the visit will be the beginning of more contacts and co-operation between the two peoples on all levels."

Marxist-led South Yemen has welcomed the formation of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) by its neighbour North Yemen and Jordan, Egypt and Iraq. It has expressed interest in becoming the fifth member.

Syrian visit

AMMAN, Sept. 9. (Kuna) — Syrian Transport Minister Youssef Alamed today arrived here leading an official delegation for a three-day visit to Jordan for talks with his counterpart Hekmat Al-Khamesh on bilateral co-operation between the two ministries.

During the course of his stay, the Syrian minister will attend meetings of the general assembly for the Jordanian-Syrian land transportation and navigation companies.

Elections begin

BAGHDAD, Sept. 9. (Kuna) — Elections for the legislative assembly in the autonomous Kurdistan province starts today, and includes the three Iraqi governorates of Arbil, Dahuk, and Sulaymaniyah.

Informational and press delegates that presented world's mass media have arrived to cover the elections.

Bombs explode

NICOSIA, Sept. 9. (Reuters) — Two bombs exploded on the breakaway Turkish side of the divided Cypriot capital early today, Turkish-Cypriot sources said.

The sources said the bombs went off within minutes of each other near a lorry and at a car showroom causing extensive damage but no casualties.

No one has so far claimed responsibility. Police are investigating but a political motive appears unlikely, the sources added.

Two killed in Turkish shootout

Police station attacked

MERSIN, Turkey, Sept. 9. (AP) — A group of attackers threw explosives at a police station, then opened fire to make their escape, leaving two people dead and two wounded, the state radio reported today.

The radio said the gunmen belonged to an "illegal organisation" which it did not identify. However, the term is generally used by Turkish officials to describe a leftist underground organisation.

In Friday's incident, the explosion damaged the police station but caused no casualties, the report said. One of the gunmen and a passer-by were killed when the attackers opened fire while escaping, and a guard at the police station and another passer-by were wounded, it said.

The gunman was apparently hit by stray gunfire from one of his fellow assailants. No further details were given.

Meanwhile, in a separate incident in Istanbul today, police captured a suspected leftist terrorist after a shootout, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The dispatch said five suspected terrorists, including a woman, carried a banner with a communist slogan. It was signed by the illegal leftist organisation of Turkey's Revolutionary Communist Union.

A policeman was slightly wounded during the shooting. Four other suspects escaped, Anatolia added.

In southeast Turkey, security sources said troops killed one separatist Kurdish guerrilla and captured six in two clashes late on Friday, part of a recent upsurge in violence in mountains along the Iraqi border.

VARIETY

Drama, heartbreak, humour

Ireland's Life Lines

HOLLYWOOD, Sept 9, (UPI): Jill Ireland, in the fifth year of her gallant battle with cancer, plans to star in a film version of her book about a heroin-addicted son and a tragically ill father.

The producer-author-actress sold movie and TV rights of her current book, "Life Lines," to Bonny Dore Productions for a projected NBC-TV two-hour movie or four-hour mini-series.

Three years ago, when Ireland was asked to portray herself in the film version of her first best-selling book, "Life Wish," she declined. This time, however, she decided in favour of portraying herself along with co-producing "Life Lines," an account of her son Jason's addiction and her father Jack Ireland's bizarre aphasia.

While there is drama and heartbreak in "Life Lines," there is also humour and burst of Ireland's off-centre observations about herself and her family.

"There's a bit of everything in it that have been painful for Theresa to re-enact the terror of the man who attacked her with a knife. Ann and Sophia were lovely in their performances, but I don't know if they found it painful."

Ireland said she found it somewhat distracting to watch actresses playing themselves because the other people in their personal lives were played by actors.

"What's disturbing me is that it is one genuine element within a play," she explained. "But if everything were honest, then it would be a documentary. What is being done is re-enacting what happened, set it in a re-created artificial setting. Maybe that is jarring."

"Until this moment I've thought I would not play myself because I would not feel comfortable

with it. Even though I ask myself why I should not play myself, I keep thinking of other actresses who might play me."

Asked whether her husband, actor Charles Bronson, might appear as himself, Ireland said, "he was opposed to the idea of such a film being made and my playing myself for many of the same reasons I had objected. He said he would never play himself on screen, and that rather closed the subject."

"I haven't yet given any thought to who I would like to see play Charlie in the film, or any of the other people in my family. But certainly I am against casting people who resemble them physically."

None of Ireland's family or friends has objected to how she perceives them in "Life Lines," including son Jason.

"Jason told me, 'if it helps to keep just one kid from suffering the pain I've gone through, then it's worth it.'"

"My father might be rather amused to see himself portrayed on the screen. I don't know about my mother. Perhaps she will be flattered if we choose an attractive actress."

Ireland would like to see "Life Lines" become a mini-series to avoid cutting key elements and characters from the book.

"As an actress who is also a producer," she said, "I will have become so familiar with the script, it's possible I will be able to view the project objectively as a piece of drama. 'I will be using a lot of what I really felt when I perform.'"

Despite her breast cancer, Ireland is writing a third book, "Lifetime," completing her autobiographical trilogy. She is also working on an almost completed novel, her first.

Charles shows the way

Prince versus architects

LONDON, Sept 9, (AP): Prince Charles has charged to the front again in his crusade for better buildings.

He said he hopes a new town he is having built on his estates will demonstrate his concern for a better environment that will enrich the quality of life.

"I am not mad enough to try to create my ideal town — there is no such thing. I am trying to show that man cannot live by technology alone," the prince on Thursday told a launch party for his new book on his view of architecture, "A Vision of Britain."

The prince has opened up a long-running debate on modern buildings with his five years of campaigning against some of them. He has called some modern buildings "Frankenstein monsters," "unloved by anyone except those who designed them."

When the old town of Dorchester in southwest England asked for some of the adjoining land on his Duchy of Cornwall estates for an expansion to house 8,000 to 10,000 people, the prince decided not to sell but to oversee the building himself.

"We should see something going up there within a

year," said Leon Krier, the prince's favourite architectural adviser, who designed the new town called Poundbury.

The town will have homes up to four stories and some apartment blocks, side-by-side with clean and silent high-technology industries, and all the services needed by its residents within 10 minutes' walk," Krier said in an interview.

Krier, who agrees with the prince's conviction that buildings should be on a human scale and in harmony with their surroundings, was among 600 guests at the launch party in the Victoria and Albert museum.

The museum is staging an exhibition around the book, showing what he likes and dislikes.

His hates range from office blocks towering over Sir Christopher Wren's renaissance cathedral of St Paul's on the London skyline to wayside gas stations, factories, department stores and high-rise apartments on wind-swept plains.

He tends to like tradition — classical-style buildings with porticoes, columns and decorations, and housing in turn-of-the-century styles.



Jill Ireland: own story

HE NEVER SAYS NO
Get anythin'
but spouse

NEW YORK, Sept 9, (Reuters): For a half-million dollars, travel agent Bill Fischer will get you anything you want for a honeymoon, except a spouse.

His \$25,000 "budget" honeymoon includes Venice and the French Riviera.

Fischer is a travel agent with an unlisted phone number. His customers are the rich, and sometimes the famous. In order to be accepted as clients, some even send resumes.

Fischer specializes in luxury corporate travel for his chosen few. "Top of the line clients," he says.

"We may only have 15 or 20 or 30 people travelling any week. But they are chief executive officers, presidents, vice-chairmen. They need special services," Fischer, 53, said in an interview in his well-appointed, 25th storey corner office in the centre of New York.

And although he boasts of never taking no for an answer on a traveller's behalf, he admits that some customers just can't be satisfied.

"Bill's great," says an assistant to Sanford Weill, the chairman of Primmex Corp. Weill signed on as a Fischer traveller while he was head of American Express — a company not exactly lacking in travel resources of its own.

"If you're making a \$50 billion deal, \$20,000 is small change," Fischer says, referring to the cost of commanding from New York to London on the supersonic Concorde three times a week.

When the very rich relax, they want even more than speed and comfort.

That's when Fischer Travel Enterprises gets assignments that can plunge Fischer and his 10 staff into months of planning and persistent, twice-daily wooing of hotel reservation clerks.

The half-million dollar honeymoons — whom he calls a perfect couple, the kind of bride and groom you see on top of the

wedding cake — took a three-week honeymoon to London, Paris, Nice and Monte Carlo, and, aboard the Sea Goddess luxury cruise ship, to ports in Italy, France and Spain.

Fischer spent more than three months planning the honeymoon, which included royal suites at some of Europe's finest hotels, a chauffeured Rolls Royce, private jets and helicopters, tennis lessons with a professional at Wimbledon (for him), a personal shopper for antiques (for her), and a visit to the pits at the Grand Prix motor race in Monte Carlo.

"They took two double staterooms aboard the Sea Goddess," said Fischer. "That way they knew they'd have enough closets and views on both sides."

One client — Fischer refuses to drop even a hint about his identity or destination — took two women on one trip and kept them at separate resorts at opposite ends of an island.

Another traveller took her husband fishing — and wanted to make absolutely certain he caught a fish.

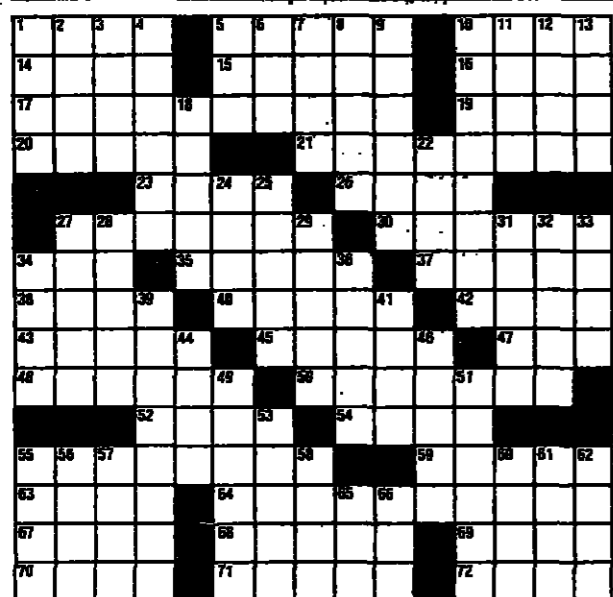
"She didn't care about the cost. It would have been OK if we put a frogman in the water. She just wanted to make sure he had a fish. She didn't care what kind of fish — just something he could pull up," he says.

Fischer sent the couple to Lake Victoria in East Africa, where — without resorting to frogmen — they caught carp.

One client and his family refused to stay in anything except three-bedroom suites. One year, Fischer says, he had a hotel constructed one by installing a door to close off rooms at the end of a corridor. The next year Fischer had a penthouse built for them.

"Money wasn't an object," says Fischer, who charges his clients an initial fee when they join him and sets his rates according to the complexity of the assignment.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Piccadilly Circus
 - Wan
 - Ump's cry
 - Berg opera
 - Stiller's partner
 - Home of the Tarts
 - Orwellian relative
 - Scandinavian goddess of fate
 - Maternally related
 - ANTA and UNESCO, e.g.
 - Ella
 - Shakespeare's Sir — Belch
 - Top quality
 - Vacillate
 - "note to follow sew..."
 - Reject
 - Navigation system
 - Indic language
 - "...good —"
 - Scotland or school
 - of no return
 - Huxley's " — Hay"
 - "But — on forever"
 - Tennyson
 - Draw forth
 - Transportation organization
 - Zhivago's love
 - Adolescent
 - Clinging
 - Forest trembler
 - "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author
 - New Year's Eve relative
 - Lady Chaplin
- DOWN**
- North Sea feeder
 - Undo
 - Gymnast Korbut
 - Abstruse
 - Latin class word
 - Collection
 - Cheerful sound
 - Upright
 - Tightlister
 - Jolson relative
 - Nautical cry
 - Solid
 - Long, long periods
 - Cleans a pipe
 - Greek coin
 - Isinglass
 - Anatomical sac
 - Word of honor
 - Wheel spokes
 - Divine nourishment
 - Sweater size
 - Conductor Akira
 - Vex of old flicks
 - Jury type
 - Patriotic relative
 - Cable
 - Madre's sisters
 - Understandable
 - Sweet course choice
 - Part of a foot
 - Profit
 - Crooked
 - Way in
 - Dancer Coles
 - Sicilian menace
 - Heap
 - Moslem prince
 - Aerie
 - Layer
 - Football position

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

BAIRE SNARE COSH
ARIAN TILER ATSE
BIRDS OF A FEATHER
ESE COTS MILORD
ORLY MIDI
HARRIS CATEENATE
ADEEN ERIES LAM
RIBS PLANS FILM
TOE ALIVE PEKOE
ESCAPADE RELENT
BITE BELT
AGHAST COST GAS
FEATHER ONESNEST
ANTE RERUN ROTA
REED YEAST AMIR

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
USE YOUR HIGH CARDS WISELY

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 8 7 3
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A 2
♣ 7 5 2

WEST
♠ 9 6
♥ Q 2
♦ Q J 10 9 4
♣ Q 10 8 4

EAST
♠ J 5 4 2
♥ K J 9 6
♦ K 8 3
♣ J 9

SOUTH
♠ K Q
♥ A 10 7 4
♦ K 7 5
♣ A K 6 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

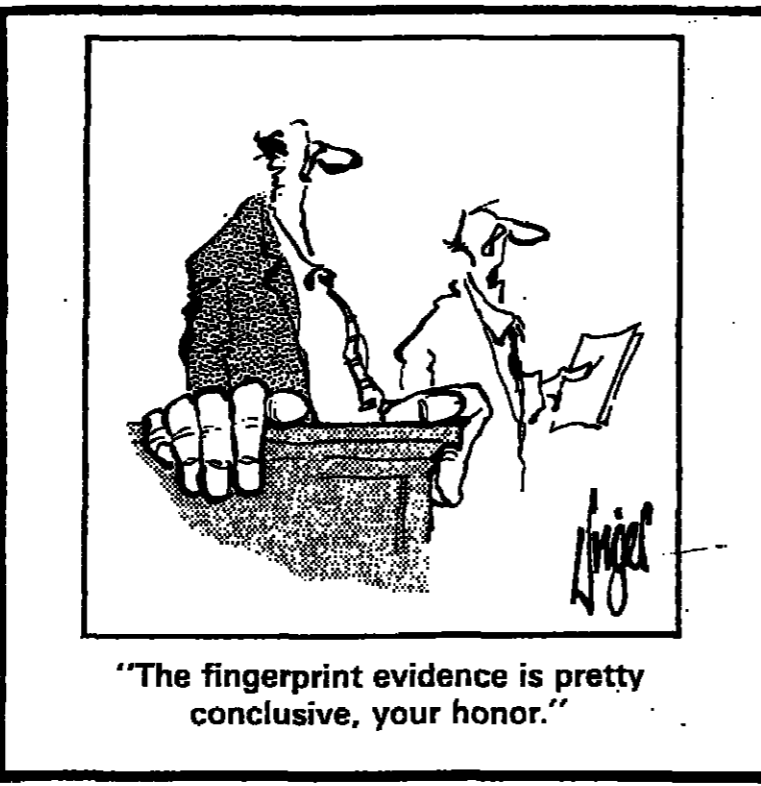
The natural tendency is to conserve one's assets. Once in a while, however, you have to spend a little to gain rich dividends at some future time.

South's jump to two no trump showed a balanced 19-20 points. Since North had a balanced hand, there was little point in looking for any game contract other than three

no trump. West's lead of the queen of diamonds attacked dummy's entry, so declarer could not afford to hold up on the first round. After winning the king, declarer cashed the king and queen of spades and crossed to the ace of diamonds to cash the ace of spades. When the jack failed to come down, declarer had to be satisfied with eight tricks.

This result was highly satisfactory to East-West. Although North-South were in their best spot (four spades rated to fail), declarer had not found the winning line. Indeed, the contract was unbeatable once West had followed to the second spade with the nine.

Now there was only one spade missing that was higher than dummy's 10 8 — the jack. Therefore, declarer could have afforded to overtake the queen of spades with the ace to continue with the ten, forcing East to win with the jack. East's diamond continuation goes to dummy's ace, but the eight of spades draws the last outstanding spade and dummy's long spade becomes the fulfilling trick. Declarer collects four spades, a heart and two tricks in each minor suit.



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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will tend to be a little absent-minded and must try to pull yourself together. Do not try to be in too great a hurry, but do not just sit back either. Be frugal.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>Do not try to do anything too much out of the ordinary. Use a little more commonsense and stick to reality: no daydreaming. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be sincere.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You should take an opportunity to clear up a muddle. You will be able to do something very much to your liking. If you think the worst of others they are likely to return the compliment. Be less resentful.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You should not try to have everything exactly your own way. And you should do your best to come to terms with someone close to you. Your lucky numbers are 6 and 46. A domestic repair should not be undertaken by yourself unless you know just how to do it.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>The best way to get on just now is to make haste but to check your facts and for mistakes as you go along. Do not take any decisions that require a clear judgment when you feel a little tired. Make sure you get enough vitamins in your diet.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You will feel at the top of your form but you must try to conserve your energies. Better a little exercise regularly than a lot intermittently. Do not rely too greatly on others to do you a favour. Be loyal.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You should not take everything quite so seriously. However some things you should take more seriously than you are. Make sure you do not live in the past. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>Do all you can to stay on good terms with your elders. You will find out what you have been doing wrong when handling a new device. There will be much to be pleased about. Be patient.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You should not rely on guesswork. Something you had hoped for will begin to happen but it will take longer than you had expected. Do not hesitate to remind others of their obligations. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You will feel a little nervous and unsure of yourself. Just do not do anything out of the ordinary or too adventurous just now and all will be well enough. Try to show just a little more goodwill. Be respectful.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You should try to take your mind off work for the day. You will be able to avoid doing something that you would have regretted. You should take joy in little things too. Be alert.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will have what seems like a good idea but it will turn out not to be practicable. Make sure you spend some time tidying up. Do not have a late night, on the contrary. Be hopeful.</p>

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kuwait share indices rebound

Market turns mixed

THE Alshahi Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 39.80 points with an increase of 0.22 point — 0.56 per cent — over last week's average of August 30, 1989.

The Alshahi Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.65 with a decrease of 0.32 point — 0.46 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshahi weekly market report.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 29.2 million shares at a daily average of 5.84 million shares with an increase of 29 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 4.52 million shares. Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 4.12 million shares at a daily average of 0.824 million shares with a decrease of 71 per cent from last week's daily average of 2.864 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD13.4 million at a daily average of KD2.68 million, an increase of 35 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1.99 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.135 million at a daily average of KD0.027 million, a decrease of 64 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.074 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 71 per cent of total trading against 75 per cent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait led at 35 per cent followed by The Commercial Bank and Kuwait Finance House at 19 per cent and The Gulf Bank at 11 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 21 per cent in which Kuwait Investment Projects Company had the lead at 84 per cent followed by National Investments Company at 8 per cent and Kuwait International Investment Company at 5 per cent.

The services sector came third at 6 per cent in which Mobile Telephone Systems Company had the lead at 52 per cent followed by Kuwait Commercial Markets Complex Company at 39 per cent and the Public Warehousing Company at 9 per cent.

As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Umm-Al Quain Cement Company led at 49 per cent followed by Bahrain Middle East Bank at 28 per cent followed by Arabian General Investment Company at 17 per cent.

Only the shares of the companies that showed good financial performance did hold in the market, and such companies were in no need to convince the dealers to invest in their shares.

Accordingly we believe that leaving the market without intervention will lead to a healthy competitive situation and will improve its investment environment.

Kuwait shareholding companies index			
	Wed. 06/09/89	Wed. 30/08/89	Change points
Banking Sector			
The National Bank	123.82	120.38	3.44
The Gulf Bank	33.25	32.81	0.44
The Commercial Bank	24.94	24.15	0.79
Al Ahli Bank	32.80	31.79	1.01
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	31.44	31.91	-0.47
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.71	28.71	—
Burgan Bank	27.58	27.58	—
Kuwait Finance House	79.92	79.10	0.82
Sector Index	49.38	48.50	0.87
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	13.59	13.77	-0.18
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	10.31	10.65	-0.34

IFA	48.90	48.90	—
Commercial Facilities	123.75	122.38	1.38
National Investments	60.78	62.75	-1.96
Kuwait Investment Proj.	91.01	93.26	-2.25
Sector Index	31.40	31.80	-0.41
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	36.48	36.48	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	23.85	24.62	-0.77
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	46.77	50.84	-4.07
Warba Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
Sector Index	36.02	36.87	-0.86
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	16.31	16.57	-0.25
United Realty	5.29	5.29	—
National Real Estate	35.83	35.83	—
Pearl of Kuwait	72.22	76.98	-4.76
Sector Index	16.44	16.79	-0.35
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	10.91	12.13	-1.23
Refrigeration Indust.	80.16	80.16	—
Gulf Cables	113.13	113.13	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	70.22	70.22	—
Sector Index	29.51	30.56	-0.95
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	162.00	162.00	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	67.68	68.69	-1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	35.91	36.83	-0.92
Mobile Telephone Syst.	285.71	290.48	-4.76
Sector Index	54.89	55.48	-0.79
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	110.01	100.01	10.00
Kuwait Food Co.	70.11	70.11	—
Sector Index	39.20	39.20	—
Overall Index	39.80	39.58	0.22

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	Wed. 06/09/89	Wed. 30/08/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	89.66	89.66	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	87.32	89.22	-1.90
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUA)	43.94	43.94	—
Umm Al Quain Cement	17.25	17.62	-0.37
Gulf Medical Projects	21.46	21.46	—
Total Index	68.65	68.97	-0.32

—Base period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Japanese firms to buy more crude from Gulf

TOKYO, Sept 9, (Kuna): Japanese companies have decided to increase their imports of oil from Kuwait and other Arab Gulf states on the basis of direct contracts. Japanese oil industry sources said here today.

The sources said the companies have decided to increase their imports during the last quarter of this year on the assumption that oil prices might not fall in the future.

According to the sources, the companies, Showa Shell and Cosmo, will increase their imports of oil by 20 per cent from Kuwait as of next month.

Meanwhile, Nippon Oil Company decided to import another 10,000-20,000 barrels of oil a day from Abu Dhabi and Iran during the period between next October and December.

The same company has decided to increase oil imports from Iraq by 40,000 barrels to reach 80,000 barrels and the same was decided by Idemitsu Kosan which increase its imports by 20,000 barrels to reach 60,000 barrels.

By these increases, the Japanese companies' imports of Gulf oil on the basis of direct contracts will reach 1.4 million barrels a day for the last quarter of this year, up by 20 per cent from the corresponding period last year.

Meanwhile, gasoline prices surged more than a penny a gallon yesterday and nearly 4 cents over the week in New York Mercantile Exchange trading on continuing reports of a sharp drop in stocks and strong prices in the Midwest.

Home heating oil ended the day at 56.74 cents a gallon, up 1.24 cents on the day and 2.77 cents on the week.

Beta Capital buys stakes in Hidrola

KIO investment deals

MADRID, Sept 9, (Kuna): The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) here was involved in a new wave of investment activities that were published here by the press today.

Daily 'El Pais' said that the Spanish-Kuwaiti investment company Beta Capital had yesterday purchased at the Madrid bourse more than two million shares of the hydro-electrical Espanola company for electricity generation, known as Hidrola.

The paper, which did not spell out share prices, said that the total price was five per cent more than the price of the Beta Capital's shares the day before and noted that other investment firms had purchased Hidrola shares.

It pointed out that the Beta Capital, 40 per cent shares of which are owned by KIO, might have bought the shares on behalf of three Spanish banks known for their dealings in electricity companies' shares.

Meanwhile, the official government gazette published today a cabinet decision allowing the Instituto Nacional de Industria (INI) to sell 80 per cent of its company Enfersa shares to the Spanish-Kuwaiti company Fesa.

Fesa is to pay \$62 million for the shares, the government announcement said, adding that the remaining 20 per cent will be bought by Enfersa, at a declared commitment, within the four coming years at a price of \$15.5 million.

The resulting merger will earn the new company a subsidy of \$75 million from the government in implementation of an official scheme to rebuild the Spanish fertilizers industry endorsed last year.

Figures here indicate that the new company, which will be the fourth largest in Europe, will secure a profit of \$8 million next year and is slated to jump to \$58 million within the four coming years.

The KIO owns a handsome sum in companies that own Fesa.

Jordan opens debt rescheduling talks

AMMAN, Sept 9, (Reuters): Jordan and its main commercial bank creditors opened their first round of debt rescheduling talks today.

Finance Minister Basel Jarrah and Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Al Nabulsi led their side in discussions with a six-member steering committee representing more than 90 Arab and Western creditors, an official said.

Jarrah said talks would focus on delaying repayment of \$450 million in principal and interest due in 1989/1990. The debts in question total \$1.2 billion.

Jordan will seek the banks' consent to reschedule payments over 10 years with five years' grace — conditions similar to those reached with the Paris Club of Western government creditors in July and the Soviet Union in August.

Amman hopes to sign the minutes of the agreement after the talks, expected to end tonight or tomorrow. Bankers say a final accord might take some time due to technical work.

The bank committee, set up in London in July, is co-chaired by Gulf International Bank BSC and Standard Chartered Bank. The other members are Banque National de Paris, Commercial Bank of Kuwait, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. and Union des Banques Arabes et Francaises.

Jordan's foreign debt stood at \$8.2 billion by the end of 1988 including \$1.1 billion in undisbursed loans. Before rescheduling, it faced repayments of \$1.21 billion in 1989 alone.

Currency rates

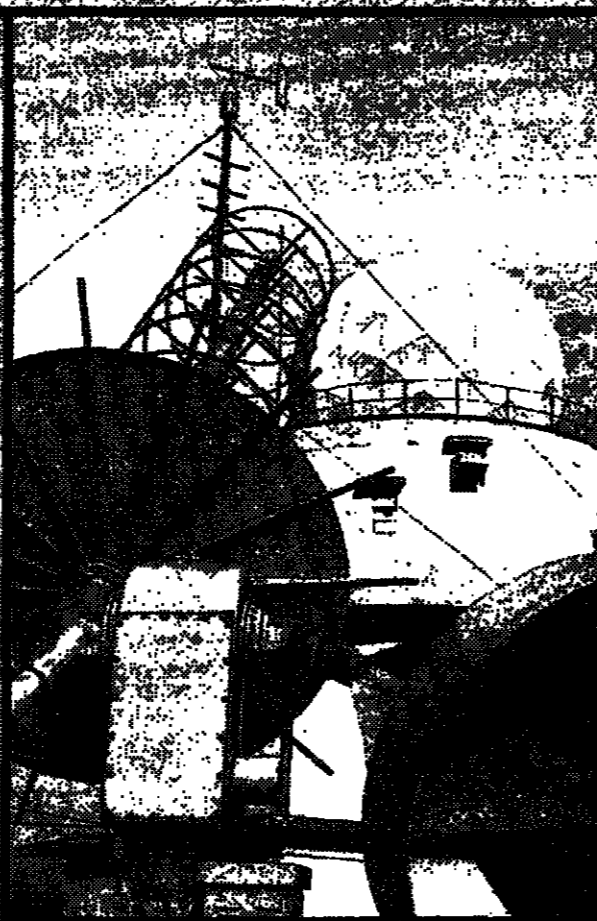
KUWAIT, Sept 9, (Kuna): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.30116	0.30231
Sterling	0.46070	0.46730
Dm.	0.15030	0.15210
S. fr.	0.17380	0.17810
F. fr.	0.04460	0.04519
It. lira	0.0002057	0.002125
Jap. yen	0.002034	0.002064
Bh. dinar	0.79860	0.80230
UAE dh.	0.08195	0.08238

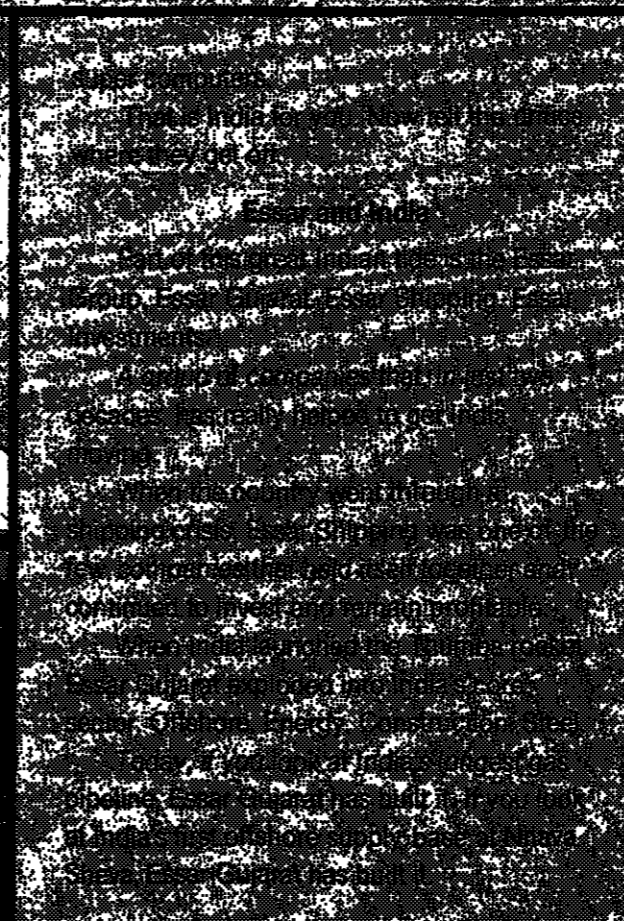
EXCHANGE RATE

Indian rupee	18.110
Sri Lankan rupee	7.840
Pakistani rupee	14.460
Bangladesh taka	9.280
US dollar	30.220
Pound sterling	46.575
Deutsche mark	151.50
UAE dirham	0.8225
Japanese yen	0.0020640

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Essar Gujarat Limited		
Financials (Rs. in million)		
	Audited	Projected
Financial Year Ended 31.5.89	1995	
TURNOVER	509	12500
NET PROFIT	103	1700
GROSS ASSETS	3044	21800
NET WORTH	1005	9420

ESSAR

PROUD TO BE INDIAN

France pushes for rapid move towards common EEC currency

ANTIBES, France, Sept. 9. (Reuters): France stepped up pressure today for a swift move towards a common European Economic Community currency but ran into strong opposition from several of its partners led by Britain.

French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy, chairing a meeting of EEC ministers and their central bank governors on the Côte d'Azur, appeared determined to press ahead rapidly with work on treaty changes to pave the way for a single currency.

But monetary officials said Britain, West Germany, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Denmark were far less enthusiastic about sweeping plans for economic and monetary union. They insisted

that co-operation within the 12-nation group had to be increased first.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson outlined alternative proposals to a single currency. He told other ministers London wanted all EEC currencies to be made legal tender throughout the community.

The two-day meeting in a secluded beach-side hotel began last evening with informal talks. It turned today to detailed negotiations on the controversial blueprint by European Commission president Jacques Delors setting out three stages on the road to monetary union.

Two discussion papers drawn up by the European Commission on how to increase co-operation at finance minister and cen-

tral bank level — necessary for the launch of phase one of the Delors plan already agreed for next July — were described by officials as relatively uncontroversial.

But a third paper discussing what sort of EEC treaty changes would be needed for a federal system of central banks and a common currency — the main features of phases two and three — drew a far more hostile response, particularly from Britain and West Germany, officials said.

Lawson has argued that the sweeping proposals in later stages of the Delors plan represent an unacceptable loss of sovereignty. He advocated instead a market-based approach to later stages of monetary union rather than one centrally-imposed from Brussels.

Officials said West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel, in what appeared to be a move to play for time, told the meeting far more work needed to be done before Bonn could think about a conference on changes to the EEC's constitution, the Treaty of Rome.

But Bérégovoy, one of the strongest backers of monetary union, wanted to secure quick agreement on a conference date.

A committee of EEC finance and foreign ministry officials set up to discuss monetary union has already run into opposition from Britain and the Netherlands which argue it is taking its powers too far.

Economy is growing

Fed may not ease monetary policy

THERE was considerable central bank intervention this week to cap the dollar's rise but this was only partially successful. At one point the US unit finished at its highest level for three months against both the deutschemark and the yen at DM1.9910 and ¥147.05. This dollar surge was based on the view that the Federal Reserve is unlikely to ease monetary policy any further for the time being, according to NBK weekly market report.

Treasury bonds remained within a tight trading range dominated by an overall lack of direction whilst the Dow Jones declined sharply following nine weeks of increasing prices as the expected correction commenced.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.9805 and ¥146.45.

The strength of the dollar appears to reflect a reassessment of the country's economic prospects which in turn supports the view that monetary policy will remain firm as the economy enters a period of solid growth. The non-farm payroll for June and July together with the employment figures for August indicated some momentum in the labour market whilst the improving trade balance and small increase in consumer spending support the belief that current interest levels are correct. The positive sentiment towards the US unit was also helped by the West German Bundesbank's decision not to raise its interest

rates this week. There are a number of important economic indicators due for release next week and these are expected to support the view that the economy is growing.

The dollar is anticipated to continue on its upward trend next week with trading ranges of \$/DM1.976-2.01 and \$/Yen 146-148.5.

The pound has tended to mirror the movement of the dollar this week with very little fresh economic data to influence trading.

The underlying fall in official reserves indicated the Bank of England gave moderate support to sterling last month but the news had virtually no effect on the UK unit.

Equities rebounded as confidence improved and fears of a surge of rights issues subsided.

The pound ended the week at DM3.0630 and £/\$1.5475. The fall in new consumer credit added to evidence that the government's high interest rate policy is proving effective in curbing consumer demand whilst the sharp drop in retail sales provided confirmation of a continuing economic slowdown.

The CBI report published this week also supported this view but pointed out that the upward movement in wholesale prices still gave cause for concern. There are some important data releases next week including

unemployment, average earnings, PPI and RPI numbers which should provide further evidence of inflationary trends and the extent of economic slowdown.

Sterling is expected to remain steady and continue trading within a narrow range of DM3.06-3.075 and £/\$1.535-1.56.

Despite considerable speculation earlier in the week, it came as no great surprise when the Bundesbank finally decided not to raise its discount and Lombard interest rates from 5 per cent and 7 per cent respectively although an increase before the year end should still not be ruled out if inflation increases. The market's disappointment was reflected in the softer tone adopted by the deutschemark.

In contrast to other countries the German economy is showing no signs of slowdown as evidenced by buoyant GDP growth of 4.9 per cent in the second quarter of 1989. This unexpectedly high rate was supported by large increases in exports and industrial investment as well as by accelerating income from foreign investments.

Separately the cost of living index fell 0.1 per cent in August taking year-on-year inflation down from 3 per cent to 2.9 per cent and unemployment dropped 7.5 per cent in August from 7.7 per cent in July.

US to seek advanced computing technology

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (AP): The administration of US President George Bush says it is set to call for a five-year, \$1.9-billion programme to promote advanced computing technology, including the creation of a very high-speed network linking the nation's supercomputers.

Mary Catherine English, spokeswoman for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, said yesterday that a report detailing the computer strategy will be released officially Monday.

According to a final draft of the report obtained by the Associated Press, high-performance computing "represents the leading edge of a multi-billion dollar world market in which the United States is increasingly being challenged."

"A strong, fully competitive domestic high-performance computer industry contributes to US leadership in critical national security areas and in broad sectors of the civilian economy," the document said.

The programme envisions establishment of a National Research and Education Network, or NREN, which would transmit data between supercomputers at speeds up to 3 gigabits — 3 billion bits — per second, or 2,000 times faster than current computer networks.

"This tremendous challenge is within the grasp of the United States in the next 10 years," the draft report said.

In addition to linking supercomputers, it said, the new network also would tie together other computers at approximately 1,000 sites across the country.

It added that "wherever information is used, from manufacturing to high-definition home video entertainment, and most particularly in education, the country will benefit enormously from deployment of this technology."

Tokyo share prices

Nikkei stock average: 34115.81	Mitsubishi Estate	2360
Volume: 809 mil shs	Mitsubishi Heavy Ind.	1110
Yen exchange rate: 146.62	Mitsui Real Estate	2550
Name of stock	Mizuno Corporation	1850
Advantest Corporation	Mochida Pharmaceutical	3860
Ajinomoto	Mori Seiki Co., Ltd.	4230
Alps Electric	NEC Corporation	1770
Amada	Nikon Corporation	1430
Asahi Chemical Indus.	Nippon Shuppan	1770
Asahi Glass	Nippon Steel Corp.	767
C. Itoh Co.	Nippondenso Co., Ltd.	2410
Canon Inc.	Nitaku Corporation	1450
Casio Computer	Nomura Securities	3080
Dai Nippon Printing	Okuma Machinery Work	1720
Daiichi Sanyaku	Owada Kashiya Co.	2220
Dainippon Pharmaceut.	Orix Corporation	6900
Daishinku Corp.	Pioneer Electronic C.	4260
Daikin Ltd.	Renown Look Inc.	2420
Daiei Chemical Indus.	Sanyo Electric Co.	841
Fuji Photo Film Co.	Secom Co., Ltd.	7660
Fujitsu Ltd.	Shin-Etsu Chemical C.	1770
Hitachi Credit	Shindengen Electric	1230
Hinachi Koki	Sony Corporation	8450
Hinachi Ltd.	Sumitomo Elec. Ind.	1510
Hinachi Metal	Sumitomo Metal Ind.	755
Honda Motor	Takeda Chemical Ind.	2510
Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd.	TDK Corporation	5990
Kajima Corporation	Tokai Marine Fire	2000
Kawasaki Heavy Ind.	Tokyo Elec. Power	5770
Kobe Cast Iron Works	Tokyo Electron Ltd.	3350
Kokusai Elec.	Toppan Printing	2020
Komatsu Ltd.	Toray Industries Inc.	979
Kyocera Corporation	Toyota Corporation	1220
Marui	Toyota Motor Corp.	2530
Matsushita Comm. Ind.	Yaskawa Electric Mfg.	1170
Matsushita Electric		
Mazda Motor Corp.		
Mitsubishi Corporation		

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Bombay shares

BOMBAY Stock Exchange — Closing prices (Rs) as on: Sept 9, 1989.	Indian Organic	44
ACC	Indrayan	82.50
Asia Paint	Indrol	256.25
Brooke Bond	J.K. Synthetics	78.50
Bajaj Auto	Larsen and Toubro	100
Baroda Rayon	Mukand	131
Bombay Dyeing	Master Shri	15.75
Century Spinning	Mahindra	91.50
Colgate	MICO	627.50
BSE Index	Nocil	1060
Deepak Fert.	Orkay	15
E.I. Hotel	Premier Auto	61.25
Eskayef	Peco	23
Essar	Pfizer	70
GNFC	Reliance	101
GSFC	Spic	49
Grasim	Siemens	73
G.E. Ship	Std Mills	410
Garware Polyester	Tata Power	340
Glaxo	Tata Chemicals	126
Hindalco	Tisco	126
Hindmotor	Telco	1020
I.T.C.	Volta	850
	Nat Index	385.79
	(Compiled by Kuwait India International Exchange Co.)	

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 09/09/1989			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
8	Shaan	ISA	2441860
21	Al Shurwaikh	Livestock	2434177
F.D	Jiffar	KSA	4843150
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
9/9	Alkhaleej	Livestock	2434177
9/9	Batter Sea	GH&Q	4347815
9/9	Jolly Turchese	YAAAS	4745533
9/9	Maersk Fiero	Behbehani	2412085
10/9	Norasia Arabia	Emad Co.	4841807
10/9	Vasily Belokonenko	Al Rashid	2422026
10/9	Pacific Breeze	GH&Q	4347815
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Liao Yang	M.A. Bahar	2433881
6	Sunser	RSMS	2423642
7	Jay Gayatri	Algh Barwil	4842988
VSL AT ANCHORAGE			
Ships name	Agent	Tel No.	
Budapest	RSMS	2423642	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
9/9	Golden Sea	RSMS	2423642
8/9	Marjon	Al Kamal	2425437

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Japanese invite US aid participation

Jaideo considering projects in Manila

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (AP): A new Japanese industry-sponsored organisation to promote private investment to developing countries said yesterday it is considering four projects in the Philippines as its first ventures.

Leaders of the Japan International Development Organisation, or Jaideo, spoke of their plans at a news conference after talks here with officials of the World Bank, the US State and Commerce Department, the US foreign aid agency, US Chamber of Commerce and congressional leaders.

Instability in the Philippines has been a deterrent to private foreign investment, and Jaideo aims to help overcome this in co-operation with governments and international leading organisations, said delegation member Shinichi Yufu, a former Mitsubishi Electric Corp. executive who now heads Jaideo.

Support for Jaideo's efforts was reported by delegation chief

Kazuo Haruna, chairman of Marubeni, a leading trading corporation, and of the economic co-operation committee of Keidanren, the Japan federation of economic organisations.

The four Philippines projects under active study are development of an industrial park south of Manila, development of a copper refining industry, a project to grow and export papayas to Japan and training of computer software engineers in Japanese.

They are among 51 projects proposed to Jaideo in countries stretching from Southeast Asia to Latin America and Africa, others of which may be considered later, the delegation said.

Others include development of petrochemical export industries in Mexico, Nigeria, Indonesia and Malaysia, a container transportation system suitable for waterway barges and silk industry expansion in Thailand, hotels in Mexico and Laos, computer

software projects in China and India, palm oil industry in Papua New Guinea, agro-industries or fisheries in Tanzania and Argentina, metals mining or processing in Indonesia, Argentina, Guinea and Zimbabwe, textiles in Indonesia and Sri Lanka and wood industries in Indonesia, Malaysia, Brazil and Argentina.

On a related subject, Haruna said US corporations appear to be the main beneficiaries of a dramatic increase of "united" loans and grants in Japan's expanding government aid programme that—in contrast to "aid"—may be spent in any country. By 1992 Japan plans to distribute \$65 billion in united aid, he said.

US aid agency officials announced earlier this year that Japanese government-aided projects were open to participation by US and other non-Japanese providers. Data on such participation were not available.

Bonn keen to invest in Poland

Industrialists seek investment guarantees

BONN, Sept. 9. (Agencies): West German industrialists yesterday told Solidarity leader Lech Walesa they wanted to do more business with Poland but needed investment guarantees before pumping capital into its ailing economy.

"Poland is moving towards a market economy under which companies can go bankrupt," Christian Heinrich Sandler, an official of the West German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (Dihl) said. "We need investment guarantees."

Economy Minister Helmut Haussmann, who plans to visit Poland soon, also said after meeting Walesa yesterday that an investment protection treaty was needed.

The Solidarity leader, on the final day of a four-day visit, told businessmen at the Dihl meeting they would receive the guarantees they sought.

"We can give all the guarantees you need," he said. "I give you my personal guarantees. It's

just that we haven't had time to put it in writing yet. If something bothers you I will take care of it. I will remove all obstacles.

Walesa said he was not trying to sell Poland but incorporate it in a united Europe now that the "iron curtain" was being lifted. "I am an incurable romantic... I believe in one Europe."

He has said Poland needed \$10 billion in Western investment to help the government of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki save the economy after 45 years of communist rule from which it inherited a \$39 billion debt to the West.

Walesa was given a list of about 30 West German companies, from toy manufacturers to shipbuilders, interested in 16 joint venture projects he has proposed for the Gdansk region.

The list, presented at the meeting, was the first tangible result of the visit, his first to West Germany, apart from a nine-seat van given to the father of eight by Mercedes Benz.

But Walesa was not disappointed. "We have achieved much more than we expected," he told reporters.

Labour Minister Norbert Blum, also at the Dihl meeting, said Walesa "can return home with the concrete result that we have potential partners" for all 16 projects.

Dihl chairman Franz Schöper estimated the "potential" West German contribution to the projects — from electronics manufacturers to shipyards — at about 30 million marks (\$15 million).

Walesa said his talks with government officials, including Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Richard von Weizsäcker, had brought a clear sense of understanding for Poland's needs.

During the visit, he stressed he had not come for a hand out but to replace East-West division with economic co-operation. West Germany is Poland's biggest Western trade partner.

Bond prices firm

Stocks snap losing streak

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Wall Street stocks snapped a three-day losing streak yesterday after firm US bond prices and computer-directed buying lifted sagging shares to a higher close.

However, the small advance was unable to offset the market's earlier losses and the Dow Jones industrial average ended the week lower, interrupting a nine-week advance.

The 30-share Dow index, which was down 22 points at one stage yesterday, recovered to finish up 2.66 points at 2,709.54. For the week it dropped 42.55 points.

"All in all, it's been a corrective week with stability finally showing up at the end of the week,"

said Charles Jensen, an analyst with MKI Securities.

He said the pullback was long overdue. Since the beginning of July, the Dow has risen 312 points to set an all-time closing high of 2,752.09 on last Friday. "We've had a very extended move, and it certainly needs this," Jensen said.

Bear Stearns and Co. analyst Jack Solomon said the market's retreat will likely be contained. "I think we'll come through this all right," he said.

But other Wall Street players were more concerned. Tom Gallagher, Oppenheimer and Co.'s head of block trading, said he suspects a "downfall is imminent."

Saudis, Cairo to strengthen trade ties

CAIRO, Sept. 9. (Kuna): An Egyptian-Saudi joint commission opens here today its first meeting to discuss ways to strengthen economic co-operation between the two countries.

The Egyptian side will be chaired by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid and Foreign Minister Prince Sand Al Faisal will lead the Saudi team.

Prince Al Faisal, who arrived here yesterday, said that the meetings will be an opportunity to exchange viewpoints on the various issues. He indicated that the committee will work towards enhancing bilateral relations, hoping that the meetings would meet success.

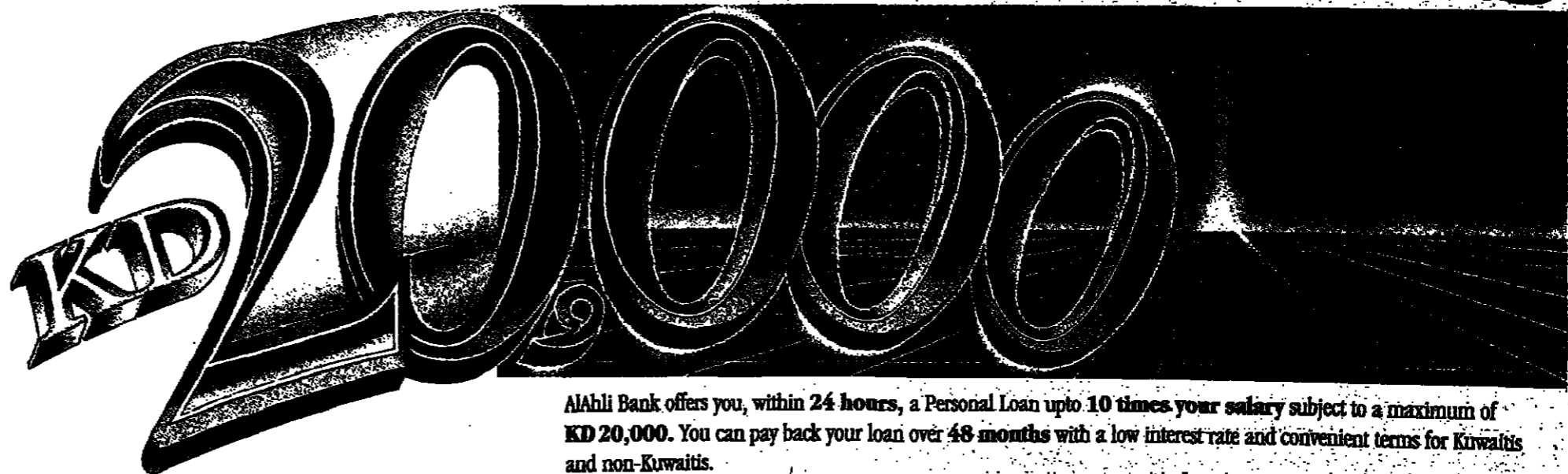
Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed Aba Al Khalil, who arrived Cairo yesterday to take part in the joint meetings, said in a press statement

that "bilateral relations includes all spheres, particularly the economic field and the trade, investment and tourism sectors."

The convocation of this committee comes in implementation of a decision adopted during a visit by King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz to Egypt. Al Khalil said on arrival that his visit crystallized the strong relations between the two countries which he said covered various economic, oil, trade, investment and tourism sectors.

The minister explained that the committee meeting, to open today, would discuss ways of further strengthening their bilateral ties. Al Khalil said that the three past years had witnessed constant progress in Saudi-Egyptian relations in various fields.

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The voice of the 90's

Move aside Madonna!

MELODIOUS Filipino voices permeated the air at the Alfintas Poolside, Meridien Hotel, last September 1, 1989, as 20 contestants sang their respective song pieces to compete for the much-coveted title Voice of the 90's.

Flassik President Grace Fe Covarrubias delivered her welcome address and expressed gratitude to the audience, on behalf of the Flassik officers and members, for their much-appreciated patronage.

A young lady who promised lots of blooming talent, Maryann Espedilla, Miss Talent, Flassik '89 Little Ambassador of Goodwill Paganini, enchanted the audience with her rendition of the song "One Moment In Time."

The guest speaker was Father Angelo Madelo, the deacon of the Roman Catholic Church, who was introduced by Flassik Director Araaci Cayaba. He said, "this singing contest is a sort of expression of Filipino identity for unity among us who are across the miles from home."

The 20 contestants were divided into 3 groups, and intermission was provided after each group.

A group of talented Filipino dancers from Al Adan Hospital professed their love for music with the sensuous rhythm of their body and feet. The dance sequence was choreographed by the gregarious and talented Peter Cruz.

Kabayan Restaurant singers, Yolie Rapada and Estrella Mongas, confirmed to the audience their ability to draw crowd with their fabulous voices.

Move aside, Madonna, here comes Pamela Rojo! With the titles of Flassik '89 Miss Little Ambassador of Goodwill and Kapilku's Miss Little Philippines under her belt, Pamela bewitched the audience with her Madonna-like dance sequence.

Maturity fused Flassik dancers, Pat Lupas and Lani Hadap, charmed everyone with their display of refinement and grace in dancing.

Rena Marin, wife of the Philippine Embassy Labour Attache, and a member of the Board of

Judges, mesmerised the audience with her sultry voice.

The Board of Judges was composed of distinguished personalities in the sphere of music — Miss Hilda Navarro, Chairman, Rena Marin, Freddie Fernando, Dr. Warie Engracia, Sultan Ali Al Ali and Grace de la Fuente.

Five winners were chosen from among the 20 contestants. The Voice of the 90's was Vicente Sanbuenaventura; 1st runner-up was Fely Gaudia; 2nd runner-up was Cynthia Bou Rabee; 3rd runner-up was Midel Cruz; and 4th runner-up was Millet Domingo. Trophies and valuable prizes were awarded to the winners.

The Flassik Board conveys its singers thanks to the following sponsors: Adnan Khalil Hassan of Far East Restaurant, Ramzi Jabsheh of Oriental Trading and Refrigeration Co., Rory Aurellano of Kabayan Restaurant, Florence de los Santos of Mabuhay Restaurant, Atty. Mohammad Ziad Al Awadhi, Youssef Al Khandary of Al Nazeer Trdg. Co., Connie Uy, Fahed Al Ajmi, Zafer Patayer of Kuwait Stationers Co., Mustafa Abu Nabbut of Al Qasbi & Abu Nabbut Co., Farouk Butts of Shop No. 172 Souk Al Kabir, Essam Hasmouni of Fadel Electronics Est., Foad Al Munsajid of Ata Allah Co., Marina Laygo, Camela Turner, Mohammad Nawaz of Golden Star Est., Fauzi Azzubaidi of Modern Music Co., Hatid-Ligays Abughosh Int'l, and all Flassik friends and supporters. A special package prize of an air ticket, Kuwait-Dubai-Kuwait, plus free hotel accommodation for 7 days, was awarded to the prize winner, Vicente Sanbuenaventura, by Don Jayantha Kanangara of Trico International. Special thanks to Mr & Mrs Bobby Mapayag for their generosity.

Watch for the next Flassik project that combines fun and altruistic endeavours. It is entitled "Rock & Roll, beat of the 60's" and promises a delightful evening for everyone who wishes to welcome autumn in Kuwait.



Voice of the 90's Vicente Sanbuenaventura with Flassik officers and his horde of prizes.



Sea Hunt

KTV 1

- 9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Waqt
- 10.30 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.15 Al Dana: Local Serial (Part 6)
- 12.05 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 12.15 That's Incredible: Foreign Variety Programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Al Shanakeel: Cartoon Serial
- 2.00 Variety
- 2.15 Awdat Owaid: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 1)
- 3.15 Innaho Al Haq: Religious Programme (Part 13)
- 3.25 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: Cartoon Serial
- 4.00 Cartoons
- 4.30 Al Thoban: Arabic Feature Film
- 7.00 Space Invasion: Cultural Programme
- 7.45 The Agricultural Local Magazine
- 8.15 Diwanay Shuara Al Nabat: Local Programme
- 9.00 Arabic News
- 9.45 Wajeda Wa Sameh: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 4)
- 10.30 Variety Late Night Programme: Prepared and Presented by Rasha Majidi
- 11.45 News Summary
- 12.50 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Care Bears: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Sea Hunt: The Phantom Strikes: A gang plans to drive Dr Mike out of the area around Margate Island.
- 7.00 Path Of The Rain God: 'The Maya Mountains'. Set in the tiny Central American country of Belize. It follows the cycle of water from top to coral reef through a landscape of bewildering diversity and richness of plant and animal life.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Flying Doctors: 'Every Day a Gift'. Noel lives alone with his daughter on his heavily indebted farm. Another widower, William lives with his daughter who is interested to marry him to Maurin.
- 9.30 Superscene: Seeing Sense'. The relation between sight and the brain. The ability to distinguish between colours and colour blindness.
- 10.00 Kate and Allie: A teacher writes a novel about a secret love between a professor and one of his girl-students. Each of Kate and Allie believes that she is the girl meant in that novel.
- 10.30 Bestseller: 'The Fremantle Conspiracy' Part I.
- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite



The Melody Night '89 Concerts On Friday, the Melody Night was held in the Sharq Co-operative Society Hall. It featured singers such as Judy, Sabina, Edward, Abu Baker and Karim. The concert was sponsored by the Golden Corner Restaurant. Above: Karim does his piece in front of a happy audience

Year-end galas

IT HAS been nine months since the commencement of the 1989 Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait. The early days of the organisation was besieged with doubts and uncertainties. There was a hubbub in the horizon as to how it would fare in the future. But the newly-formed Flassik '89 executive board was fully armed with sincerity, dedication, and determination to pave the way for this organisation towards the fulfilment of its commitment to the Filipino community in Kuwait. Since then, it has always been a matter of giving care and service to all, especially to the less fortunate fellow countrymen.

Fund-raising projects have been organised, and the proceeds were channelled towards the upliftment of the welfare of less endowed fellow countrymen. A Welfare Referral Programme has been formed, with committees assigned to the different governorates in Kuwait. Frequent hospital and jail visits are on-going itineraries of the organisation. The welfare projects are the priority endeavours of Flassik '89.

But whatever merit Flassik '89 has garnered, it was all due to the generous help and support of its members, friends, sponsors and the whole Filipino community. The existence of the organisation depends a lot upon the sublime deeds and thoughts of its supporters towards brotherhood. Let it be said that the Flassik '89 is an instrument of the love of the Filipino community for each other.

Flassik President Grace Fe Covarrubias announced that Flassik '89 is launching its project for the rest of the year. On September 30, there will be a dance extravaganza entitled, "Rock 'n' Roll, Beat of the 60's". On October 31, a Halloween Party will be held. November heralds the holding of a food festival in co-operation with Ramzi Jabsheh of Oriental Trading and Refrigeration Co. And for December, there will be a concert entitled, "Pasko Sa Nayon", featuring the Filipino Choir under the baton of Hilda Navarro. And as an expression of gratitude by the organisation, Flassik '89 will hold a Christmas party for the Filipino community in Kuwait.

Yes, indeed, the Flassik '89 seed that was planted last January has sprouted leaves and branches, reaching out to everyone — and still keeps on sprouting!

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
One Man Force
Al Sabiya
Hall Booked
Al Hamra
Wild Force
Drive-In
Arabic film
Al Firdos
Dil Aur Deewar
Fahad-Open
Main Tera Dushman
Fahad-Open
Stake Out
Al Jahra
Biwi-o Biwi
Gramada
Meri Zabaan

Solafikhat
Jungle Assault

Juleb
Mukti
Ahmadi Drive-In
Shaolin Magnificent

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.10 am
Zuhr	11.45
Asr	3.16 pm
Maghreb	5.59
Isha	7.18

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Al Hajri Pharmacy
Al Hilali Street, Al Hajri Building, opposite to the Communication
Nugra & Hawalli
Al Naser Pharmacy
Hawalli, Tunis Street, Property of Al Tekheem
Salmiya & Rumaithiya
Heba Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak Street, Property of Fahd Abdul Rashid
Fahad & Ahmadi
Burhan Pharmacy
Fahad & Al Sabah Market, Property of Rashed Al Roumi
Jileeb Eshuyookh
Al Razi Pharmacy
Jileeb Eshuyookh, Plot No. 17, Block 14
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Jahra, Al Matafi Street, Abdul Aziz Al Nasrallah Building



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WHAT'S ON

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OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareeq Rajah Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Photography & oil painting classes
Photography to be taught by Ann C. Eid, a professional photographer with a degree in fine arts, who has taught at the University of Maryland.

Oil painting to be taught by Yasmine Bhamia, a professional artist with a degree in fine arts, who has exhibited her paintings in many countries.

Classes are to be held in Dalay. Limited to only 10 students per class. Register early.

Dates: Photography — Sundays: Oct 7 - Nov 25, 10 am to 1 pm; Oct 14 - Nov 1, 10 am to 1 pm; Oct 22, 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Painting: Mondays, Oct 2 - Nov 20, 10 am to 1 pm.

For further details and reservations, please call Yasmine 2540587.

SOCIAL

One Sadya

OVERSEAS Indian Cultural Congress (OICC) has decided to celebrate the Onam — the national festival of Kerala — with its traditional feast "One Sadya" which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes at New Regal Restaurant on Sept 14, at 7 pm. For more details please contact tel: 4314183, 5629747 and 3985569.

Pakistan Arts Circle

A SERIES of programmes is being organised by the Pakistan Arts Circle, which includes mushairas, musical varieties, literary discussions, etc.

Families are most welcome. Please register your names on Tel Nos. 5323693, 5717585 or 4716258.

Kalpak exhibition
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos. 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Syndicate Live
SEPT 15: Two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, The Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will join hands to host "Syndicate Live", a musical extravaganza at the Indian Arts Auditorium featuring Goa's music kings, The Syndicate, Stepping Stones, Top Ranks and a selection of talented local singers. Gate passes available at Raja Stores and the Organisers. Call: Joe 2413348, Julio 5734513 for more information.

Breeze '89
OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casimir or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

Filchick chess
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchick) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament".

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

British Council
THE British Council presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students who are going to

Britain this autumn for higher education

Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complementary briefing sessions, please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

Colva Nite
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/5629141/4310913 after 5 pm.

British Council
Defence of the Realm
Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September at 6.30 pm, 9.20 min.

What are they prepared to cover up in "Defence of the Realm"? When a respected journalist dies in mysterious circumstances after meeting a government "mole," his fellow reporter is determined to find out why. But each lead only raises more questions! A superb British thriller.

Onam Celebration
The special meeting of OIC Executive Committee was held at Indian Embassy Hall on 31 Aug 1989 and decided to celebrate "The Onam" — The National Festival of Kerala — at the new Regal Restaurant on 14 Sept 1989 at 7 pm, with "One Sadya" — the traditional feast — which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes on planton leaves.

A seven member committee was formed under OICC President Sashidharan as General Convener and Nalina Kumar, Rajan Daniel, Ali Alavi, Anil Kumar, Gangadharan, Vijaya Kumar as members to organise this function. For further information, please contact Tel. 4314183 and 5629747 and 3985569.

Free Tailoring Class
Kapilang Filipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their free tailoring class to all bonafide Kapilku members beginning Friday, September 22 at Far East Restaurant from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapilku. The class will run every Friday and end on October 3. All materials needed for the class are given free to all participants. Master cutting,

Barong Tagalog and executive suits

will be covered in the course. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447. Deadline for registration will be on September 15.

Spoken Arabic
The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is starting to offer spoken Arabic classes for non-native speakers. The programme, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone Nos. 2413050 Ext. 243, 269; 2455860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2411383.

Palarong Filipino Annual
All the winners in the just concluded Palarong Filipino organised by the Kapilang Filipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) should submit their pictures on or before September 22 to Homer L. Mesina, Vice-President of Media and External Affairs and the Chairman of the 9th Palarong Filipino Souvenir Programme.

For group, the picture must be coloured and the size is 5"x7" with their officials and players and for the individual, it must be coloured and the size is also 5"x7".

Sponsors and donors who may wish to place ads must contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447.

Kapilku Night
The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their Kapilku Night on Friday, September 29 in Holiday Inn Hotel at 5.00 pm. This singing contest is open to all Filipinos and the competition is divided into two categories, namely, Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and Sing-Alike.

The first three winners in each division will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors. Interested participants are requested to contact VP Sarah Macarimbang the chairperson at 4843447 and Rod Cerezo at 2433595, the co-ordinator.

All previous winners are requested to contact the chairperson for the rehearsal on the forthcoming Grand Final on October 20.

Rehearsals and auditions for

all Kapilku Night contestants

will be on Friday, September 15 at Far East Restaurant at 10.00 am.

This singing contest is organised by Kapilku and the main objective is to enhance Filipino talents in the art of singing.

The top three winners in each category will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors and automatically qualify for the grand final on October 20.

The following contestants should submit their minus one (not multiplex) to Sara Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs and the Chairperson of this project and Rod Cerezo, co-ordinator at 4843447 and 2434630 respectively. Rodney Villarama, Victoria Luna, Enrique Kalamakal, Jenetha Sulaiman, Dolly Reynoso, Cesar Dimalanta, Robert Gelua, George Albayda, Greg Ramos, Lito Randrup, Brado Layug, Ramon Monteverde, Rufely Gaudia, Dolores Gador, Jun Drapeza, Cynthia Aborale, Emil Comate, Jr., Dante Bangilan and Bobby Bautista. Deadline for submission of entries is on September 15.

Star Nite
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dir' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-12 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

D'Assisi Association
OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

Konkani drama
NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintam Zallim Sopnam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa "Jacinto Vaz" along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Card (near GPO).

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
AT THE COFFEE SHOP: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.00 per pax and half price for children.

AL ANDALUS: Thursday
— Arabian Night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

FAMILY BRUNCH: Calling
all kids ... we have a great party every Friday. It's our Friday Brunch Party and everyone is invited. Come and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters plus magic ... magic ... by the Great Magician. Prizes and surprises await each kid. Price — KD5.00 for adults, and half price per kid.

AT THE SWIMMING POOL: From 8.30 pm
spend a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue — music — games — prizes and surprises plus our delicious a yummy, yummy, Shabrazed Barbecue. Come all and join the fun. At only KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 for kids, you will have a great summer time.

At the Meridien Hotel
OPENING on Sept 9 the Versailles Restaurant celebrates the new season with an exciting new a la carte menu featuring delicious seafood dishes and always the great value business. Enjoy a truly elegant and dining experience with the finest cuisine and atmosphere. International music is provided by Jo Lee, a veritable one woman band, is guaranteed to help to make the dinner at the Versailles truly a night to remember.

LA BRASSERIE: Brand
new menu at the La Brasserie... definitely worth the wait. The new a la carte menu at the La Brasserie features a choice of appetizer, entree and dessert. In addition to a lavish buffet with different starters various hot dishes and mouthwatering desserts. And remember the buffet changes daily for the guests.

EVERY SATURDAY
THAI CORNER: Enjoy genuine Thai cuisine at the La Brasserie. The Thai corner features a variety of great authentic dishes in addition to the restaurant's regular lavish buffet.

EVERY SUNDAY COWBOY NIGHT: Taste the Texas

fair at the La Brasserie. No compromise with this salute to the US includes live foot tapper country and Western music plus decor costumes and ambience with more than a touch of the real wild west.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
THE INDONESIAN CORNER: Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La Brasserie in addition to the regular Brasserie buffet.

EVERY THURSDAY:
Tuck in the tempo... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jam sessions at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch out of the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

Friday equals family fun only at La Brasserie... lavish buffet ... live entertainment toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

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under delicacy the Kiwi will be featured at Al Fingian from Oct 8 to the 19th in tempting variety of ways from juices to delicious tarts and desserts.

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FILIPINO DIGEST

Terrorized girl flees: A Thai International School student and daughter of an airline executive recently fled the country after at least two masked men threatened her with harm, the Makati police said.

Mapaschool Madisara, 19, student of the IS in Makati and daughter of Ruangyuth Madisara, Thai Airways station engineer, was harassed and threatened twice by the men on a black motorcycle who were trying to get information on her classmate identified only as Jama. Pfc. Sorantes Fernandez said.

Last month, the men inquired in Mapaschool's house on Taurus St., Bel Air Subd., Makati about her whereabouts. A maid of the Madisaras did not give them any information.

Days later, Mapaschool was parking her car in front of a store in Makati when the men, who apparently tailed her from at 4 pm class, demanded that she tell them about where Jama was and threatened her. Scared and trembling, Mapaschool could not speak. She drove away.

3 charged for maul The acting clerk of court, a deputy sheriff and an aide of the Angeles City Regional Trial Court (RTC) were charged before the Office of the Ombudsman for the alleged harassment and near mauling of newspaperman Orian Manrique of People's Tonight.

Accused of grave oral defamation and violation of the law curbing the surreptitious publication and illegal award of judicial notices were acting clerk of court Jesus Miranda, deputy sheriff Emerito Sicat and aide Ponciano Pangilinan.

Mauricio claimed he was waiting for a hearing last Tuesday when Miranda approached him at the court's corridor and dragged him by the shoulder into the clerk of court's office.

Sensing danger, Mauricio resisted and ran. Sicat and Pangilinan chased him.

"Tarantado ka! Sulat ka nang sulat, hindi mo naman alam kung ano ang sinulat mo," Mauricio quoted Miranda as shouting to him.

Gago ka, P., inamo, ang yabang yabang mo," Sicat added while Pangilinan yelled "P...ina mo ka, tarantado! Bumalik ka rito Mauricio said his complaint.

Mauricio said the three court personnel were pacified only when he sought the assistance of Pfc. Wilfredo Paulo of the Angeles City Police Station whose office was in front of the RTC building.

Ex-convict shot: Pampanga — An ex-convict was shot to death when he tried to grab the gun of one of his two police escorts along Tanedo Street in Tarlac.

Li Col Rodrigo Baloyo, Tarlac PC-INP Provincial Commander, said Melchor Rivera Jr., 24, of Barangay Carangan, Tarlac and an ex-convict facing robbery and theft charges in court, was being escorted to the Tarlac police station when the shooting occurred.

The PC report said that Rivera was earlier arrested by Pfc. Edgar Dayot Pfc. Generalissimo Pascua, both of Tarlac INP for illegal possession of a cal. 22 revolver (Paltik) inside the Tarlac public market.

While being escorted to the Tarlac police station on board a motorized tricycle, Rivera allegedly grabbed the service pistol of Pascua, prompting Dayot to shoot the suspect.

Investigators said the victim was hit in the head and breast. He died on the spot.

Hot argument kills: A construction worker at Shoemart's megamall on EDSA in Mandaluyong was shot by the site's chief security officer over an argument.

Benito Lasabia, 44, of 165 Romano St. in Magsaysay Village, tondo took bullet in the left chest. The bullet pierced his heart.

Other construction workers rushed him to the Mandaluyong Medical Centre where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Chief security officer Bert Magno of RONC Security Agency escaped with his .38 revolver.

Policemen led by on case officer Pfc. Edgardo Velasquez failed to get Magno in his house at No. 48 Matangang St., Diliman, Quezon City.

The two men were seen arguing near the gate of the construction site B at about 9 am.

A witness told Pfc. Velasquez he saw Magno slap once in the left cheek.

Lawyer stabbed: A Tondo lawyer was stabbed to death while he and his wife were on their way to a court hearing in Navotas.

Artemio L. Agcaoli, 55, of 2136 F. Rodriguez St. Balut, suffered six wounds in the body. He did not reach the Tondo General Hospital alive.

Agcaoli's wife Elizabeth, 41, said the suspect was between 30 and 35 years old and about 5'5".

They were walking towards Honorio Lopez Bldg to take a ride to Navotas where the lawyer was to attend a land dispute hearing when the killers struck.

"Naglalakad kami nang matatapos ako. Inayogs ko ang sapatos ko habang naunang maglakad at mister ko nang makita kong sunod-sunod na sakakin siya noong tao," Elizabeth told Pfc. Benjamin Ines.

Agcaoli had been the lawyer of poor clients involved in a land dispute with rich landowners, his wife said.

Homicide investigators believe Agcaoli's killing had something to do with one of the cases he was handling.

Jinggo ready for probe:

SAN JUAN Vice-Mayor Jose Estrada said he is ready to face any investigation body about his alleged interference in the release of four suspected smuggled cars and dared the councillor asking for the probe to resign if it would be proven that he had done nothing wrong.

"Kung malakas ang loob mong manira ang kapwa, dapat malakas din ang loob mo na mag-resign kung sakaling mapatunayan mo sa sarili mo na ikaw ay mali," Estrada told Councillor Domingo Sese, before calling him a gay.

Sese had claimed that Estrada intervened when four Mercedes Benz in a 40-foot van were spotted by policemen while being unloaded along Eishanower St. in Greenhills, San Juan.

Sese said the cars were consigned to Santiago Mathay, brother of Quezon City Rep. Ismael Mathay who was a neighbor of Estrada in Valle Verde Subdivision in Pasig.

"They were imported from Germany," Sese said. "The vice-mayor ordered the policemen led by one Sgt. Santiago to let the cars be unloaded."

"The vice-mayor did not even bother to verify or check the veracity of the documents for the cars," Sese said, adding that the cars were not delivered to Mathay's house but to some businessman instead.

Estrada pointed out to the council that he never gave the release order for the cars. He and Rep. Mathay only went to the scene to show more papers for the cars to the policemen.

Estrada also cited San Juan Police chief Col. Bayani Blanco's statement that the cars were properly documented so the policemen so the policemen released them.

"Hindi ako natakot na humarap sa anumang imbestigasyon sapagkat ako ay tunay na lalaki hindi tulad mo na isang binabae," Estrada told Sese.

Sese replied, "Maganda sana ang iyong speech vice-mayor kung hindi nga lamang scripted."

Three Villamor men accused: Three Villamor Air Base officers will be cited for contempt if the Sandiganbayan finds true the report that some Air Force soldiers suspected of assassinating former Senator Benigno Aquino Jr. roamed freely at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

The anti-graft court's third division presided by Justice Conrado Molina set for hearing statements of Air Force Col Alfredo Reyes, special service unit commanding officer Col Sergio P. Austria and Primo Quinones, in charge of the detention centre where the Aquino slay suspects were held.

NAIA general manager Eduardo Carrascano testified before the Sandiganbayan that Customs District 3 collector Zafiro Respicio told him that soldiers C2C Rogelio Moreno, Sgt. Arnulfo de Mesa and Sgt. Claro Lat were seen facilitating the passage of a cargo from Australia.

Respicio said the three soldiers' identity was revealed to him by an airport personnel he did not name.

The Sandiganbayan investigation came after People's Tonight carried a story about the incident quoting Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service chief Rudy Buendia.

Buendia said the information was gathered by his men.

Watch out house buyers: The National Housing Authority (NHA) warned the public against unscrupulous individuals who are posing as NHA employees and selling lots in Dagat-Dagatan.

The NHA has filed charges of falsification of public documents against a certain Roberto Albia of 210-E Samson Road, Kalookan City.

NHA legal counsel Mario Escorber charged that Albia, representing himself as an employee, delivered to spouses Felipe and Eufemia Escutara a notice of award purportedly signed by NHA general manager Onico Jacob.

Montano linked to gambling ring

Bicol executives in vice rackets

MAJ. GEN. Ramon Montano, acting Armed Forces chief of staff, several other ranking military men and top civilian officials in the Bicol region were linked to illegal gambling and other vices in the region.

Sen. Ernesto Maceda, chairman of the Senate committee on defense and national security, denounced these officials in a privilege speech.

Maceda quoted an "asset" (informant) of his committee as saying that Montano, during one of his inspection visits to the area, was given his weekly share from six provinces and three cities which ran to six figures.

Montano promptly denied the senator's allegations and dared Maceda to be "Man enough" to repeat them outside the halls of Congress so he could file charges.

"If you want to accuse people, you should not hide under the umbrella of parliamentary immunity," Montano said. He added that Maceda should be "man enough to come out in the open."

In a related development, the Senate committee on games and amusement last night urged the abolition of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), including all gambling casinos, by Dec 31, 1992.

The consolidated bill, presented by Maceda, committee chairman, seeks to dissociate the government from all gambling activities which, he said, do not contribute much to economic growth.

Maceda quoted "assets" of his committee in his expose. He said gambling lords in Albay are relatives of the governor and Gen Renato de Villa, AFP chief of staff.

The senator said gambling activities in the province were "so pervasive" they resulted in a mutiny and a raid on the 247th PC Company in San Nicolas, Iriga City last week.

Quoting Maj Gen. Felix Brawner (ret), a member of the Senate defense committee's technical staff, Maceda said there was, indeed, a gunfight between Army soldiers identified with the Albay governor and PC troops identified with the regional command and the provincial commander "over the division of spoils" from all forms of illegal gambling there.

"The Iriga incident is just the tip of the iceberg," Maceda said.

He said a May 24, 1989, letter from one of the committee "assets" in Legazpi City alleged that Montano, who is concurrent chief of the Philippine Constabulary and the Integrated National Police, collected "tong" from his men in the region running to six figures.

The gambling protectors include officers from Brig. Gen Marino Filart, Recom 5 commander, to his sergeants, the informant claimed, Maceda said.

"General Montano had announced an all-out campaign against all

forms of gambling. As usual, the common people remain skeptical and unimpressed because it was all "palabas" and propaganda," Maceda said.

The senator also cited an Aug 20, 1989 letter of Camarines Sur Gov. Luis Villafuerte to Col Ruffo Pulido, PC provincial commander, as another proof of the military's involvement in illegal activities.

Maceda quoted Villafuerte as telling Pulido that PC soldiers and officers protecting illegal gambling in his area "were upset that their source of 'payola' was bleeding out" because of the governor's cam-

paign against vice in the province.

Villafuerte said three of his men were ambushed while performing their task of stopping illegal gambling in the province.

Maceda also cited "intelligence reports" naming Filart as one of the "cookers" participating in bigtime illegal derbies in the province.

Among the prominent cockfighting aficionados regularly seen at ringside were Legazpi Mayor Fely Imperial, Tabaco Mayor Tony Demetrio, and Rodrigo Diago Lorigo and Tomas Ranola, both Bicol gambling lords, and several Army and PC officers, city and provincial officials, Maceda said.

The reports also said justing is flourishing under the protection of police and military officials in six provinces in the Bicol region. Bet collectors allegedly include barangay captains, councilmen and newly appointed members of the Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU).

Maceda said another bigtime derby operator is Demetrio Solon of Tabaco, Albay who is allegedly protected by Mayor Tony Demetrio.

Sen. Victor Ziga, who hails from Albay, confirmed this.

"Col Marino Filart is the same regional commander whose attention we had called in connection with the charge of then Congressman Moises Espinosa that the provincial commander of Masbate was in chaos with his (Espinosa's) political enemies in the province and was running a province wide operation of gambling, illegal logging, fishing and the like in Masbate," Maceda said.

"There were already six or seven attempts on the life of Espinosa then but they (military) did not take appropriate action," he said.

Maceda said had already called the attention of De Villa to the anomalous activities taking place in the Recom 5 headquarters and the reported manipulation by Filart to convert 60 per cent of funds allocated to Recom 5 for his personal use.

Filart, Maceda said, is managing P500,000 worth of fish cages in Lake Buh, with platoons of soldiers "doing nothing but to guard the interest of the Recom 5 'crocodiles'."

He said Governors Villafuerte, Padilla, Espinosa and Arnado had complained, to no avail, against the almost daily encounters in the Bicol area between rival soldiers over gambling spoils.

Maceda said despite these accusations, Filart had been promoted to brigadier general. The senator also noted that Filart was named during the last PC Day rites as the best regional commander although he was among some generals who had been told by the Commission on

Appointments to answer charges of misexplained wealth.

"Something has to be done. I have put my life on the line. After this, I cannot go to the Bicol area for the next few months," Maceda said.



Montano

Aquino rejects call for cabinet revamp

By Jim Gomez

INVOKING the principle of separation of powers, President Aquino rejected the demand of House leaders that she shuffle the Cabinet or fire officials holding multiple positions in the government.

Ms Aquino said she would welcome a congressional probe of the charges made by Senate Majority Floor Leader Teodoro Guingona that 10 Cabinet members and 47 other top government officials violated the Constitution by occupying directorships in various government corporations and receiving hefty compensation.

"I believe it is best for us to wait for what the Supreme Court will decide on this matter," she said.

Several congressmen urged the President to immediately revamp her Cabinet and fire officials holding more than two positions in government.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Antonio Cuenco (LDP, Cebu) endorsed the proposal, saying Ms. Aquino should recruit new members of her Cabinet.

"If she will not fire them, at



Aquino

least she should reshuffle them when there is conflict of interests," said Minority Floor Leader Rodolfo Albano (KBL, Isabela).

But Ms Aquino said in a press briefing: "I understand that in a parliamentary form of government, the members of the parliament can always initiate a Cabinet revamp. In our presidential form of government they are co-equal ... and all independent of each other." She

spoke to newsmen after inducing the new officers of the Malacanang Press Corps.

Ms Aquino also reiterated her confidence in the members of the Cabinet, saying their performance was commendable.

A measure penalising government officials occupying two posts and receiving more than their prescribed salaries has also been introduced in Congress.

Ms Aquino admitted that she allowed Cabinet members to assume two other government posts aside from those they occupy by virtue of their position.

Executive Order 284 issued July 25, 1987 allows Cabinet members and other executive officials to hold two additional posts aside from the positions to which they were originally appointed.

The Civil Liberties Union and the Anti-Graft League of the Philippines have filed separate petitions asking the Supreme Court to declare the executive order unconstitutional. But the court has not yet ruled on these petitions.

Rebels kill 5 in lumber firm

By M. Feliciano

ZAMBOANGA CITY: Some 300 Muslim rebels raided a logging firm in Buldon, Maguindanao, killing five guards and taking with them several high-powered firearms.

A report reaching the Southern Command said the attack was launched by combined forces of the separatist Moro National Liberation Front under "Kumander Khadafi," an officer of the MNLF national security command, and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) under "Kumander Bobby" and "Kumander Gordon."

The rebels raided the compound of the D.M. Consunji Lumber Co. in Barangay Kulintang, Buldon shortly before midnight Wednesday, the report said. They caught the company's security men by surprise, abducted five of them and later killed them in a place not far from the compound.

The raiders also emptied the company's armoury

and fled with three M-60 light machine guns, 10 M-14 rifles, several M-16 Armalite rifles and one 90-mm recoilless rifles (bazooka), the report said.

The slain security guards were not identified.

Troops have been rushed to the area to track down the rebel group which fled toward a thick forest, the report also said.

Meanwhile, a top military officer here said the MNLF does not have the logistics to wage a full-scale war against the government.

Brig. Gen. Braulio Balbas Jr., SOUTHCOM deputy chief, said the rebels would instead conduct terrorist operations, such as the *agaw-arnas* campaign, to improve their logistics.

Speculations have arisen that a new round of hostilities between government troops and the MNLF would break out after the rebels rejected the *Organic Act for an autonomous region* in Muslim Mindanao.

Another hike approved

PRESIDENT Aquino approved

a 15-per cent across-the-board increase in death disability, and retirement benefits of workers covered by the Social Security System.

In addition, the minimum monthly pension of retired workers has been raised by P100 a month.

The President said that as a result of the increases, the average monthly pension would be raised from P618 to P734 and the minimum monthly pension, from P400 to P500.

Aquino instructed SSS

Administrator Jose L. Cuisia, Jr.

to ensure that the added benefit "shall not require any increases in the rate of contribution."

Cuisia said that some 300,056 pensioners as of Aug 31 — 292,620 Social Security (SS) and 7,436 Employees Compensation (EC) pensioners — would benefit from the 15 per cent across the board increase.

At the same time, 151,130 pensioners, or half of the total number would directly benefit from the P100 increase in the minimum pension, he said.

Cuisia recalled that the min-

imum pension stood at P120

from 1980 to 1986 and at P200 from July 1986.

"In effect, the new minimum of P500 will mark as 317 per cent increase in the minimum pension since 1985," Cuisia said.

Total benefit payment, including those for short-term benefits under the SS, Medicare and EC programmes, are expected to hit P4.8 billion for 1989 alone, 31 per cent more than the 1988 benefit payments of P3.7 billion.

Cuisia said total benefit payments for the next five years would reach P32.3 billion.

Track darling from Romblon

By Roy Luarca

CHASING your pet dog and playing luksong tinik can make you a versatile runner.

Look at Elma Muros. She did these in the town of Magdiwang in the island province of Romblon.

Racing with dogs, she acquired speed. Hurdling barbed-wire fences, she developed power. Foot speed and leg power — these are the prime tools of a sprinter and long jumper. Muros used these two tools successfully

in the 15th Southeast Asian Games (SEAG). She soared to a new Games record of 6.52 meters in the women's long jump and then cleared the barriers for another Seag mark of 13.98 seconds in the 100-metre hurdles.

She won two golds and set two records in two days.

Suddenly, an ambitious six-gold medal haul projected for the long-legged Muros seemed possible. Suddenly, the pony-tailed, cleft-chinned woman of 22 was a Seag star. Muros became a new track darling. Injury, however,

prevented her from winning four other golds.

Muros' right knee struck the sixth barrier during that majestic 100-metre hurdles race. Barely 40 minutes later, she reluctantly ran the 100-metre dash. Stabbing pain struck her bruised knee with every stride but she plodded along to finish fourth.

She was a victim of the poor judgement and obscured vision of national track coaches.

"Gusto ko nang ipahinga ang aking tuhod pero sabi ng coaches ko, subukin ko pa rin daw at

baka manalo," Muros told sportswriters covering the Games. (I wanted to rest my knee but my coaches said I should try because I might win.) It proved to be a costly decision as the century dash aggravated her knee injury.

Her swollen right knee heavily bandaged, Muros competed in the 400-metre hurdles and settled for the silver. She then had to skip the 200-metre dash but dutifully anchored the Filipinas to a last place finish in the 4x400-metre hurdles.

But Muros, by herself, was a

resounding success. Although she failed to duplicate Lydia de Vega's golden treble in the 1987 Jakarta Games, she proved that she is a worthy successor to the absent track queen's throne. De Vega stayed in Manila to take care of her baby girl.

Muros has made a sharp turnaround from the problem girl tag she earned two years ago when, disgruntled over the way her training was being handled, she left the Gintong Alay training camp.

Muros

Human rights cases get attention



Avancena, right, stresses a point during the launching of the peace award as Rep. Michael Mastura and UP President Jose Abueva look on.

FORMER Human Rights commissioner Zenaida Quezon-Avancena bewailed what she described as the "lack of progress" in the investigation and prosecution of cases of human rights violations in the country.

"I'm so sorry to see that what we started is not going anywhere," Avancena told source during the launching of a peace award named after her mother, the late Aurora Aragon-Quezon, widow of former President Manuel L. Quezon.

Avancena was referring to the Commission on Human Rights, which evolved from the abolished Presidential Committee on Human Rights (PCHR) headed by the late Sen. Jose Diokno Diokno, former Justice Jose b.l. Reyes, militant Franciscan nun Sr. Mariani Dimaranan and Avancena resigned from the PCHR in protest over what they observed as the government's reluctance to support their move to prosecute cases involving military men.

"I understand (CHR Chairman) Mary Concepcion Bautista's difficulty. It is really hard to have these people (abusive soldiers) punished since they are still tried in military courts," Avancena said.

Avancena said she was particularly disappointed with the acquittal of the suspects in the celebrated Lupao Massacre allegedly because of lack of evidence.

"We worked so hard to have the perpetrators punished and they let them go just like that," she said.

Avancena is one of the leaders of the Concerned Women of the Philippines (CWD), which launched the Aurora Aragon Quezon Peace Awards in a press conference at the Admiral Hotel.

Investments recorded at P27b at end-July

INVESTMENTS of Filipinos and foreign nationals between January and July this year rose 239 per cent to P27 billion from P8 billion during the same period last year with Taiwanese firms topping the list of foreign investors.

Trade and Industry Secretary Jose S. Concepcion Jr said there is a clear emerging pattern that investors from Taiwan and Hong Kong may eventually dislodge Japanese and American groups as the country's biggest foreign investors this year.

Filipinos accounted for 57 per cent or P15.7 billion of total equity investments while foreign investors contributed the balance of P11.3 billion or 43 per cent.

Philip Chien, president of the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Philippines (TCCIP), said the Philippines could draw in more Taiwan money if there is clear government guarantee on protection of investments.

Taiwan businessmen are pressing for the enactment of a special law on such protection.

Chien also said the Philippines ranked only fifth among Asian countries in terms of Taiwanese investments because of lack of long-term planning in such areas as infrastructure and communications.

The Taiwanese poured in P2.7 billion this year or 30 per cent more than their investments of P2 billion last year.

Japanese investors ranked second with P2 billion investments.

Samar Island in agony

Cory asked: Halt military drives

By Danny Petilla

A SAMAR congressman asked President Aquino to order the suspension of military operations on the islands to facilitate relief operations for thousands of starving people.

Rep. Venancio Garduce (LDP, Samar) made the call after he received reports that thousands of people fled their homes this week when the military started bombing suspected rebel strongholds in at least five towns in Samar and Eastern Samar.

The military operations have reportedly compounded the problems of Samarinos, who are still reeling from a series of natural calamities that have caused widespread hunger and deaths in the island.

The Samar Alliance, a group of Manila-based professionals, has launched a Food for Samar drive to solicit relief goods for the three Samar provinces. On its second day, a total of P163,100 has been contributed to the campaign.

Garduce said in an interview that military search-and-destroy operations have led to more misery than the poverty of people in Samar.

"This is a war of poverty, not a war of ideology," he said. "It is only the President, being the commander in chief, who can intercede in the present crisis in Samar and stop the military operations."

At least 600 families fled their homes in Dolores, Borongan, Maydolong and Lorente in Eastern Samar and Basey, Samar after the military bombed several

barangays suspected of being rebel-infested, according to Roy Montes, Eastern Samar provincial board member.

Relief workers and evacuation centers were having a hard time feeding the evacuees, Montes said.

Several non-government operations have mobilized volunteers to undertake relief work in the Samar provinces, but they have expressed fears of military harassment.

Edgar Dones, secretary general of the Council for the Development of Samar Island (CDSI), one of the organizations working for the rehabilitation of the island, said military officials in Samar should assure the volunteers that they would not be harassed so the relief work can be undertaken successfully.

However, Maj. Edilberto Tio, spokesman of the Army's 8th Infantry Division based in Catbalogan, has been telling people over local radio stations that the non-government organizations were communist fronts.

In the interview, Garduce also assailed Samar Gov. Antonio Bolastig for succumbing to pressure from big logging firms and supporting their bid to have the logging ban lifted in Samar.

Bolastig, Garduce's political enemy, is co-chairman of the Regional Development Council which petitioned the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to lift the ban on commercial logging.

Indiscriminate logging, both by concess-

sionaires and illegal operators, has been blamed for the denudation of the island and the severe floods which inundated most of the island earlier this year.

"Bolastig is prone to all these machinations," Garduce said in reference to the alleged lobbying by commercial loggers.

Garduce also criticized Eastern Samar Rep. Jose Tan Ramirez for proposing that personal donations made by lawmakers to the relief fund for Samar be coursed through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Many congressmen pledged to donate from P1,000 to P5,000 from their salaries to the relief fund, after a series of articles on the plight of Samarinos were published.

"The DSWD has its own relief programme so why channel the money through it?" Garduce said, as he noted that people have lost confidence in the welfare agency after relief goods were sold allegedly by its personnel.

Samar Alliance has asked that it be allowed to handle the donations, but the congressmen have not yet answered the request.

In Catarman, Northern Samar, meanwhile, Mayor Eduardo de la Cruz backtracked on his charge that DSWD personnel diverted to the black market corned beef for disaster victims donated by the French government.

De la Cruz told DSWD Undersecretary Leticia Moises he never made the charge as reported earlier.

But several government employees tes-

tified during a public hearing that they had bought corned beef, labelled *Bocage*, from certain individuals at prices ranging from P15 to P22.

Martiana Mercado, DSWD regional director, said not a single can of the donated corned beef were distributed since April this year.

But National Bureau of Investigation officials in Eastern Visayas said they were working on leads that would link DSWD personnel to the sale of the relief goods.

Also during the hearing, Northern Samar Gov. Harlin Abayon confirmed that hunger was widespread in his province.

He said the situation was being aggravated by the high prices of basic commodities, with rice selling for as high as P35 to P40 a ganta.

Abayon also called on the private sector to donate food and medicine, saying people have been flocking to his office asking for help.

Major donors to the Food for Samar campaign yesterday were Odon Sabarre of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, who gave P16,000; Celia Bulan of the Camp Crame Catholic Women's Charismatic Prayer (P2,250); and Cesarey G. Dimasano of Marulas, Bulacan (P50).

The Rural Missionaries of the Philippines sent four boxes of assorted clothing donated by an unidentified Japanese group.

Other collection points will be announced later, Samar Alliance said.

From the provinces

MANILA: Foreigners in daily transactions at the Commission on Immigration and Deportation (CID) lauded the CID systems and procedures in the processing of documents, Rudy Macayan, officer assigned to the CID information section, said.

The systematic procedures in the processing of CID documents, especially at the Alien Registration Centre, were introduced by Commissioner Miriam Defensor Santiago, now agrarian reform secretary.

The same systems and procedures are adopted under the administration of Immigration Commissioner Bienvenido Alano Jr because they are very effective, Macayan said.

will sponsor a resolution authorizing the city government to buy the vehicles with funds provided by the Philippine Amusement and Games Corp. (Pagcor).

The new cars will improve the mobility of the Angeles Metrodiscom command headed by Maj. Julius Yarcia and the local police force headed by Maj. Federico Pineda. At present, the police department has several patrol jeeps provided by the Angeles Foundation, a multi-sectoral organization here, and the Recom 3 PC-INP command in Camp Olivas.

Abad Santos said that a new program on peace and order is now underway. It aims to minimize threats against persons and property by criminal elements with the fielding of more police patrols.

ten agencies that topped the survey but there were other agencies ranked lower than Dole.

MANILA: A newly organized group of Samarinos based in Metro Manila is asking the government and concerned sectors to extend immediate food assistance to Samarinos who are reportedly dying of hunger.

Professor Petronilo Daroy, chairman of the Samar Alliance, said the hunger in Samar is an after-effect of the recent calamities that hit the island which destroyed coconut trees, rice and crop lands.

He said the Samar Alliance gathered that epidemic might break out soon if the government and other concerned sectors do not deliver relief goods to Samar.

"I'm appealing to the government to make good of its avowed commitment to uplift the condition of the Samarinos by delivering relief goods to Samar now," Daroy said.

In related development, Sen. Wigberto Tanada, who spoke at the launching of the Samar Alliance, called for the strengthening of non-government organizations, saying "the NGOs are the real backbone of people power."

Tanada said he will initiate a measure that would implement the constitutional provision institutionalizing people power.

BAGUIO CITY: Filipino war veterans will set up co-operatives nationwide starting this year in an effort to uplift the economic status and dignity of the country's heroes and their dependents.

Rep. Eduardo Pilapil, president of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines-Sons and Daughters Association Inc., disclosed this programme in a speech delivered before delegates to the first convention-seminar on veteranism which is being held at Teachers Camp here.

He said that the establishment of the cooperatives nationwide is intended to alleviate the plight of the old soldiers.

Pilapil said that the organization, which has a membership of 2.5 million, will set up credit and marketing co-operatives in all legislative districts nationwide with the assistance of the government.

MANILA: Tensions are high again the other day at the strike-bound Silahis International Hotel when a military truck, escorted by eight fully armed soldiers, broke through picket lines and brought in supplies for hotel personnel.

Teddy Gimpayan, secretary of the Silahis International Hotel Employees and Workers Union (SIHWEU), said the soldiers pointed their high-powered guns on the workers who tried to prevent the truck from entering the hotel premises.

Gimpayan said the truck which was laden with foodstuffs, linens and other basic items had markings of the National Capital Regional Defence Command.

Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Biazon, NCRDC chief, said he did not authorize his men to use of the NCRDC truck.

"They have no business being there. That's purely a police matter," an angry Biazon told newsmen. "They are going to be sacked. I am going to chop off their heads. They are going to be canned."

Col Jose Lachica, NCRDC operations chief, admitted he sent the soldiers to the hotel to "rescue" the wife of a certain Lieutenant Tanalgo, Biazon's aide de camp.

Tanalgo, according to Lachica, had "requested" for the transport and the soldiers.

Sources from the Silahis Hotel said the soldiers were paid by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation to ensure the continuous operation of its casino.

Rogelio Bangsil, PAGCOR assistant branch manager, denied the charge.

The SIHWEU, an affiliate of the militant Kilusang Mayo Uno, went on strike this month following a deadlock in the collective bargaining negotiations and alleged unfair labour practices by the Panlilio family, one of the controlling owners of the hotel.

One union officer has already been killed while three others seriously injured. He said some 300 armed goons from Cavite, Marikina and Navotas have been hired by management to harass the union.

MANILA: Former Ninoy Aquino International Airport manager Reli German, who is facing charges filed with the Sandiganbayan, was saved from being arrested and detained when former executive secretary Joke Arroyo put up a bond for German's temporary liberty.

German had earlier declared he was not going to post the P12,000-bail bond to "dramatize the injustice" committed against him.

German presented himself to Sandiganbayan Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena with the bond put up by Arroyo. Senators Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel and Joseph Estrada also dropped in at the Sandiganbayan Office to lend their support to German.

LAOAG CITY: A letter on, plaintiff for alleged graft and corruption filed against Gov. Rodolfo Farinas with the office of the ombudsman was disowned by provincial board member Nestor Corpuz of Ilocos Norte.

He told the Bulletin that somebody used his name in the filing the complaint, saying he has "no knowledge about it."

Ombudsman Conrado Vasquez wrote to the wrong person when he addressed to me a notice of action about the complaint," Corpuz said.

The Vasquez letter said the records of "Corpuz vs. Farinas consisting of 20 pages were forwarded to Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon Manuel C. Domingo for appropriate action.

Earlier, a certain "Atty. Nestor Corpuz," resident of Laoag City, was quoted in a news story alleging that Farinas had "misused some cash advances from the provincial government ranging from P5,000 to P1 million in 1988."

Farinas had denied the report.

SAN FERNANDO, La Union: Rep. Rodrigo Gutang was virtually snubbed when senior military officers and enlisted men of the Regional Command headquarters in this province failed to welcome the congressman upon arrival here to discuss his bill on the proposed creation of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Except for the Recom 1 officer-on-duty, Gutang, now concluding his weeklong sortie of Northern Luzon, was greeted with placards criticizing him for the bill.

Not one of the three military regional officials — Recom 1 commander Brig. Gen. Miguel Abaya, his deputy Col Dioscoro Yorro, to Col Romeo Odi, Recom 1 chief of staff — was on hand to receive the congressman.

This was considered by political analysts here as a way to show to Gutang the military's objection to his PNP bill which if enacted would mandate all military men to take eligibility examinations.

But certain regional staff members here clarified that it was not their intention to snub Gutang because they said the personnel at the headquarters, including the senior officers, have been mobilized to assist in the relief and rescue operations of 50,000 families affected by typhoon "Goring."

Placards severely criticizing Gutang were strategically placed on the streets where Gutang passed.

BALANGA, Bataan: Two suspected drug addicts burned the South Central Elementary School in barangay Parang-Parang in Orani town, this province, shortly before midnight Thursday, displacing more than 200 pupils and the faculty members.

School officials said that the pupils are now holding classes in the barangay chapel and under the trees near the school. They said that the torrid records dating back before liberation and other important documents were burned.

PC 1 Lt. Bonifacio M. Cacho, commander of Orani police station, identified the suspects who were arrested by responding policemen as Rely Cabral, 25, and Andres Ramos, 26, both single and jobless residents of Orani.

Cacho said that witnesses told police investigators that the two stayed on after setting off the fire and were "jumping with joy" as the flames ate up the school building.

The witnesses said the two were probably high on drugs. They said the two were loitering in the school premises some two hours before the fire broke out. (Eifren Molina).

ANGELES CITY: Mayor Antonio Abad Santos of this city said four brand-new cars equipped with modern communication facilities will be given to the local police to boost the peace and order campaign in the city.

Abad Santos said that Councilor Carlito Ganzon

MANILA: A labour official clarified that the Department of Labour and Employment did not come out last among several government agencies included in a popularity survey conducted by the state-run Philippine Information Agency.

Leonora Vasquez-de Jesus, assistant secretary of labour, said the labour department occupied the last slot among

Mitra to quit as LDP head?

SPEAKER Ramon V. Mitra will step down later this month as president of the Lahan ng Demokratikong Filipino (LDP), a spokesman of the pro-administration party said.

Rep. Oscar Orbos (Pangasinan), LDP secretary general, told sources Mitra had advised the party's vice-president, Rep. Benigno Tanjuatco about his plans and asked the Rizal solon last Wednesday to take over as party head.

Orbos himself said that if the new LDP leadership decides to replace him, "I am ready anytime to vacate this position."

There were allegations that a presidential relative is behind the so-called "LDP coup" and that a show-down looms between Mitra and the relative for control of the House of Representatives.

Orbos would not say what triggered Mitra's plan to resign.

But Orbos claimed Mitra, the fourth-highest official in the country, will remain an LDP member and that he pledged to continue supporting President Aquino.

"I would rather leave politics than go against her," Mitra was quoted as saying.

Orbos said Mitra was hurt after the President ordered last week the burning of seized firearms, including 150 UZI's imported by 62 congressmen.

Mitra claimed the gun importation was legal, insisted that only guns which were illegally purchased be burned, and threatened to go to court to stop Ms Aquino's order.

The aide said Mitra felt bad after learning of Ms Aquino's announcement that "it was too much already and had, by accident, leaked his plans to a newsman who sought him for his side on other issues."

When he relayed his decision to quit as LDP president this month, Mitra allegedly said "I hope Congressman Tanjuatco, this time, will be able to get support for my partymates and the House." Tanjuatco is the President's cousin.

Last Wednesday night, Tanjuatco was told by Mitra: "Get ready. I want you to take over." The surprised legislator could only say "yes," recounted a witness.

Even Malacanang was apparently surprised to hear about the report. "The President was not told about this," said a congressman close to Mitra. Orbos seemed to confirm this and claimed he asked Mitra if he wanted to hold a press conference to make the announcement. He said the Speaker "just shook his head."

A congressman claimed Mitra decided to go on with this "painful" decision "to open the eyes of Cory."

He claimed Mitra wanted the President to realize that "the House is the last bastion of the (present) administration since the Senate has become fiercely independent."

Mitra said that on several occasions, he rallied LDP congressmen to deliver, through sheer majority in the 200-men House, the votes Malacanang needed.

Mitra was also allegedly peeved that "unelected Cabinet men are becoming increasingly critical and vocal against the members of Congress, and that there is no attempt to give us even some respect."

During the recent gun crisis, Mitra took the floor to openly say he was against Malacanang's plan to burn the seized firearms.



A Filipino-Japanese couple is reunited with kidnapped son Kazuharu

Safe and sound at last

Kidnapped boy returned

A TWO-year-old boy who was reported kidnapped for a P1 million ransom in Quezon City was reunited with his Filipino mother and Japanese father. Police said no ransom was paid.

Quezon City police investigator Pfc. Eduardo Taboso said the boy, Kazuharu Kanasawa, was turned over to the La Loma police substation by Carmina Batac of 43 Angelo St., La Loma.

She said the boy was left with her by a high school classmate. But she said decided to turn him over to the police after seeing the boy's pictures in the newspapers.

The boy was snatched by a woman and a man inside the SM City shopping complex while his mother, Jocelyn, was shopping last Aug 10.

The mother said she received telephone calls from an unidentified man demanding a P1-million ransom after she had her missing son's picture published in a morning tabloid.

She said she was able to raise the money but the kidnappers did not show up at two West Avenue restaurants on their scheduled rendezvous.

Batac said the boy was left in her care by a former high school classmate, Susan Olgado, who is now being hunted by the police.

Batac turned down the P100,000 reward offered by Yokohara Kanasawa, the boy's father who arrived the other day from Japan.

Sources at the Quezon City police, however, expressed doubt if the boy was actually kidnapped. They said Olgado and a male companion may have picked up the boy when he got lost while playing, then thought of demanding ransom after the newspapers printed the boy's picture with the information that he is the son of a businessman.

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Brig. Gen. Pantaleon Dumlaog (right) inspects some 700 grams of shabu seized from Tawaneese Tan Kong Chow (middle) and Yan Ning who are suspected to be members of an international drug syndicate.

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Athletics World Cup finals start

US and E. Germany lead



Husband and wife hurdlers David Patrick and Sandra Farmer-Patrick celebrate their victories. (Reuter wirephoto)



Quirio (No. 203) takes the baton from Grace Jackson on the last leg of the 4 x 400m relay. (Reuter wirephoto)

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 9. (UPI) — Defending champions United States and East Germany led the men and women's competitions respectively as the fifth Athletics World Cup finals began in miserable, rainy weather at the Olympic stadium last night.

The United States held the lead in the men's match with 42 points from Britain, Africa and Europe who were all on 39 points.

East Germany was fifth with 29 points, followed by the Americas on 22, Spain and Oceania on 21 and Asia ninth on 16 points.

East Germany's women, who have won the last three World Cups, led with 39 points with the Soviet Union second on 33, followed by the Americas on 29, Europe and the United States on 26, Asia, 22, Africa 21, and Oceania and Spain, both on 14.

But the women's standings could change because a protest has been lodged regarding the disqualification of the European team from the women's 4 x 400 metres relay.

The outstanding performance on a night when rain, wind and cold conditions made life unpleasant for athletes and spectators alike, came in the men's 100 metres with Britain's Linford Christie, the Olympic silver medalist, winning in his fastest time of the season, 10.10 seconds.

Other winners included Britain's Tom McKean in the 800 metres (1:44.95), Italian Salvatore Antibo winning the 10,000 metres for Europe (28:55.26), David Patrick winning the 400 metres hurdles (48.74) and Larry Myricks the long jump (8.29) for the United States.

Myricks' victory came 10 years after he won his previous World Cup title.

East Germany's Silke Moeller won the 200 metres (22.46), Romanian Paula Ivan gave Europe victory in the 1500 metres (4:18.60), Sandra Farmer-Patrick matched her husband's success in her 400 metres hurdles (53.84) and East German Petra Felke won the javelin (70.32 metres).

But a mix-up in the women's 4 x 400 metres relay seemed to symbolise a chaotic night when the rain delayed the start of the meeting and prevented King Juan Carlos' private jet arriving at Barcelona airport from Madrid because of the storm.

It was not the most auspicious start to the inaugural meeting for the stadium which has been rebuilt to host the 1992 Olympic Games.

The mixup came when Celena Mondie of the United States did not hear the second gun signalling a false start to the race and sprinted almost 200 metres on her own before stopping. The Americas, anchored by Cuban Ana Quirot eventually won the race in 3:23.05.

But Europe was disqualified because third placed Anna Protti was judged to have run outside of the changeover box. The European team have protested the ruling.

Christie, whose season has been blighted by injury, came hurtling out of his starting blocks and powered down the shimmering, wet track to win the 100 metres in 10.10 seconds, the fastest time he has run since the Olympic final in Seoul almost a year ago.

Leroy Burrell, the fastest man in the world this year with 9.94 seconds, took second in 10.15 for the United States with Frenchman Daniel Sangouni picking up third place for Europe in 10.17.

That victory gave Britain, who won the European Cup a month ago, the lead after three rounds following McKean's victory in the 800 metres and Kriss Akabusi's third place in the 400 metres hurdles.

McKean, the only man to win three European Cup 800 metres titles, won his first World Cup honour with a well-controlled run in a respectable 1:44.95 in the conditions.

Kenya's Nixon Kiprotich led until the final bend when McKean came wide to pass him and then held on as Kiprotich and East German Jens-Peter Herold tried to rally. Herold took second place in 1:45.04 and Kiprotich was third in 1:45.08.

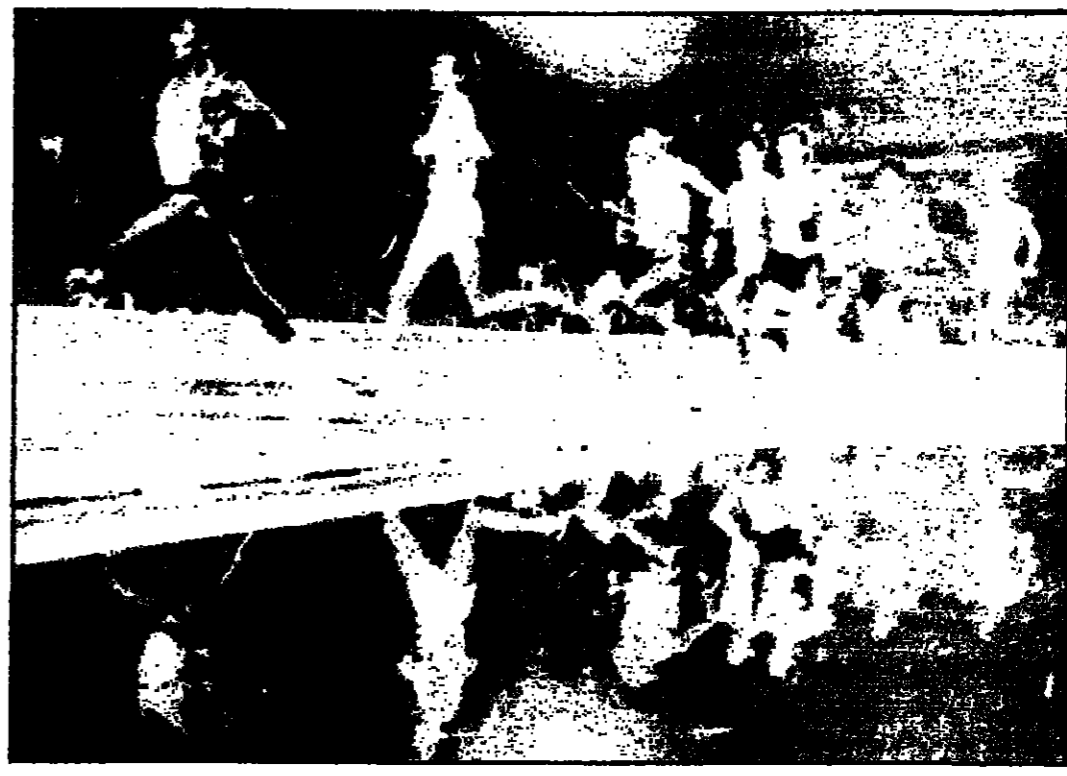
Akabusi, the European Cup winner, was almost hit by a falling fireworks rocket in the opening ceremony, which was delayed for more than half an hour.

American Patrick won the first event of the three day meet, the men's 400 metres hurdles, in his fastest time of the year, 48.74 seconds. Nigerian Henry Amike of Africa finished strongly to beat Akabusi (49.42).

Patrick's wife Sandra made it a family winning double when she raced to victory in the women's 400 metres hurdles in 53.84.

World champion Moeller of East Germany added a World Cup gold to the European Cup title she won in Gateshead a month ago with an expected victory in the 200 metres in 22.46 seconds.

But Mary Onyal of Nigeria, a student at Texas Southern University gave Africa eight points by edging out Olympic silver medalist Grace Jackson of Jamaica, running for the Americas, in second place. Onyal timed 22.82 seconds and Jackson, who had the advantage of running in lane one, clocked 22.87 seconds.



Ethiopia's Addis Abebe (far left) leads the pack in the 10,000 metres followed by Antibo as they pass a large puddle made by the rain. (Reuter wirephoto)

Fairbrother hits 161 against Yorkshire

LONDON, Sept. 9. (Reuter) — Neil Fairbrother led the way as batsmen dominated the day's action in the English County Cricket Championship.

Fairbrother hit a brilliant 161 to lift Lancashire to an all-out total of 347 from 98 overs against Yorkshire at Scarborough.

He figured in a third-wicket stand of 142 in 38 overs with Graeme Fowler (58), and reached his third century of the season from 121 balls. Fairbrother hit two sixes and 18 fours on his way to 160, and had hit 23 fours by the time he fell to 18-year-old spinner Jeremy Batty, who marked his championship debut with three for 75.

Paul Parker and David Smith both scored centuries as Sussex inflicted a frustrating day in the field on Middlesex at Lord's. They added 191 in 76 overs for the second wicket to boost Sussex to 313 for four at the close. Parker finished unbeaten 127 after reaching his century off 280 balls, while Smith made 129 — his fourth century of the summer.

There were also two century mak-

ers at the Oval where Graham Thorpe and Monte Lynch put Surrey into a commanding position against Kent.

Scores

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire no play due to rain.

At Leicester: Essex 84 for two in 29 overs (G. Gooch 51 not out) v Leicestershire.

At Derby: Nottinghamshire 53 for two in 16 overs v Derbyshire.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 347 in 98 overs (N. Fairbrother 161, G. Fowler 58, P. Carrick four for 69) v Yorkshire.

At the Oval: Surrey 395 for five in 100 overs (G. Thorpe 154, M. Lynch 140 not out) v Kent.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire 259 in 94.1 overs (J. Lloyds 58, D. Lawrence 45). Somerset eight for no wicket in 1.2 overs.

At Lord's: Sussex 313 for four (D. Smith 129, P. Parker 127 not out) v Middlesex.

At Southampton: Glamorgan 245 for nine (A. Butcher 65, H. Morris 40, I. Smith 40) b Hampshire.

Border back home after tour

BRISBANE, Australia, Sept. 9. (Reuter) — Australian captain Allan Border received a standing ovation from waiting cricket supporters at Brisbane airport on his arrival home from the victorious Ashes tour today.

Border was as surprised by his reception as by the news that defeated England captain David Gower and all-rounder Ian Botham had been left out of the English squad to tour West Indies next year.

"It seems a bit odd. I just thought they still had a fair bit to contribute as players, albeit not as members of the hierarchy, on that tour," Border told reporters.

Australia beat the home side 4-0 to win the Ashes in England for the first time in more than 50 years, a result Border admitted he never expected when he left Australia in May for the tour.

"No way in the world. On paper they had a very strong side," he said. "I was quietly confident about our chances but I don't envisage anything like the 4-0 result. Had the weather been better, conceivably we could have won the series 6-0."

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All Filcheck members are requested to attend the general meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 pm. at Kabayan Restaurant to determine rating. Would-be members are also requested to come.

Clearwater stays ahead in BC Open

ENDICOTT, N.Y., Sept. 9. (Reuter) — Keith Clearwater, despite suffering from a severe cold, shot a three-under-par 68 yesterday to preserve a one-stroke lead midway through the BC Open golf tournament.

Clearwater finished the day on 133, hotly pursued by Jim Gallagher, Bob Estes, Gil Morgan and Dave Eichelberger.

Clearwater expressed surprise at Carding his second successive sub-par round at the En Joe Country Club course considering he felt he should be in bed.

"My legs are like jelly and my equilibrium goes whenever I have a head cold," said Clearwater. "I stood over putts and just sort of wobbled. You really aren't out there with a cold, but you don't feel intense enough to get mad."

Clearwater started on the back nine for his round and collected bogeys on the 13th and 16th holes before finishing his front nine with two birdies. He then birdied the first (his 10th), the third and the eighth for his 68 total.

"I started very poorly, I was two over after seven holes," Clearwater said. "But then I played the last 11 at five-under. I only had about four hours of sleep, but if you play good you really don't care how you feel."

Clearwater won two events in 1987 during his first year on the tour and earned more than \$320,000. Last season he fell to 127th on the money list and earned just over \$82,000.

At present he is 133rd on the money list with almost \$80,000 in earnings, but that looks certain to improve.

Two strokes behind Clearwater are Jim Booros and local favourite Mike Hulbert, with Ed Dougherty, Nolan Henke and Fuzzy Zoeller one stroke farther back.

Canadian takes one-shot lead

BEAVERTON, Ore., Sept. 9. (Reuter) — Canadian Dawn Coe shot a four-under-par 68 yesterday to take a one-stroke first-round lead in a \$250,000 women's golf tournament.

Coe had five birdies and one bogey around the 6,258-yard Riverside Gold and Country Club course near Portland, Oregon.

One stroke behind at 69 were Americans Shelly Hamlin and first-year professional Caroline Keggi, followed by five golfers including Spaniard Marta Figueras-Dotti on 70.

"I think the golf course is in wonderful shape," said Coe. "The greens are quick. The faster the greens the better it is for me."

Gubicza helps Royals rout Twins

Brett completes 2,500 hits

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (AP) — It was only a matter of time for George Brett to reach the 2,500-hit level, and last night was as good a time as any to do it.

With the Kansas City Royals in the heat of a pennant race, Brett came through for them — in a 6-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Brett singled up the middle to drive in a run for the 2,500th hit of his fabulous career as the Royals beat the Twins behind Mark Gubicza's seven shutout innings. The victory moved them within 3 1/2 games of the front-running Oakland Athletics in the American League West.

Indians 5, Blue Jays 4. Pete O'Brien hit a tie-breaking single in the eighth inning as the Cleveland Indians ended the Toronto Blue Jays' four-game winning streak with a 5-4 victory.

Cleveland's Jerry Browne hit a two-out double in the bottom of the eighth off reliever Jim Acker, 0-1, and went to third when catcher Ernie Whitt missed David Wells' first pitch for a passed ball.

Tigers 7, White Sox 5. The Detroit Tigers posted their first seven-game winning streak since 1984 as Mike Brumley snapped a tie with a two-run single in a 7-5 victory.

over the Chicago White Sox.

With the game tied at 2 in the sixth, Rick Schu and Kenny Williams each singled off Greg Hibbard, 4-7. Both moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Dave Bergman and scored on Brumley's liner.

Rangers 3, Orioles 1. Kevin Brown fired six-hit ball over 6 2/3 innings to halt a personal three-game losing streak before leaving the game with a shoulder injury and Ruben Sierra hit a two-run homer, sending the Texas Rangers over the Baltimore Orioles 3-1.

Brown, 12-9, equalled the Rangers' record for victories by a rookie, striking out a career-high eight as Texas snapped a four-game losing streak against Baltimore.

Angels 2, Red Sox 1. Claudell Washington homered, doubled and scored both runs as he returned to California's starting lineup after a brief absence and led the Angels to a 2-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Bert Blyleven, 15-4, held the Red Sox hitless for 4 2/3 innings and allowed five hits through seven innings to end a personal two-game losing streak.

Brewers 7, Mariners 3. Paul Molitor scored two runs and tied a Milwaukee team record with three doubles as the

Brewers beat Seattle 7-3, extending the Mariners' Club-record home lost 18 of their last 22 games.

The Mariners, who tied a club record with a 12-game losing streak in late August, bave lost 12 of their last 22 games.

Yankees 5, Athletics 1. Mel Hall's two-run homer, his fifth in 11 games, helped New York stop Oakland right-hander Dave Stewart's bid for his 20th win as the Yankees beat the Athletics 5-1 for their ninth straight victory.

Hall's homer, his 14th of the season, helped stake the Yankees to 5-0 lead after four innings to break a three-game winning streak by Stewart, 19-9, who lost to New York for the first time since Aug. 23, 1987.

Cardinals 11, Cubs 8. Pedro Guerrero homered and drove in five runs as St. Louis rallied from an early six-run deficit and beat Chicago in wild one at Wrigley Field.

The Cardinals closed to one-half behind the Cubs in the NL East. The teams play again this afternoon in the middle of a three-game series.

Ryne Sandberg hit two home runs and got four hits for the Cubs. His 29th homer, a two-run shot, made it 7-1 in the fourth.

But Guerrero, whose two-run

single keyed a four-run seventh inning, hit a three-run homer in the eighth for a 9-7 lead.

Mets 7, Pirates 2. Kevin Elster drove in three runs and Bobby Ojeda won for the fifth time in six decisions as New York beat visiting Pittsburgh.

The Mets pulled to within 2 1/2 games of Chicago.

Elster, who began the game in a 5-for-34 slump, has 49 RBIs this year, tying Eddie Bressoud's 1966 record for most by a Mets shortstop in a season.

Ojeda, 11-10, pitched a seven-hitter in his fifth complete game. He is 10-4 lifetime against the Pirates.

Phillies 4, Expos 3. Jason Grissley made his Major League debut a winning one as Philadelphia dropped Montreal into fourth place in the NL East.

Results

American League			
Cleveland	5	Toronto	4
Detroit	7	Chicago	5
Kansas City	6	Minnesota	0
Texas	3	Baltimore	1
Milwaukee	2	Seattle	3
New York	5	Oakland	1
California	2	Boston	1
National League			
St. Louis	11	Chicago	8
New York	7	Pittsburgh	1
Cincinnati	3	Atlanta	1
Philadelphia	4	Montreal	3
Houston	5	San Francisco	2
San Diego	1	Los Angeles	0



Neil Fairbrother



Paul Parker

Botham blasts Dexter

LONDON, Sept. 9. (Reuter) — England reject Ian Botham yesterday blasted Ted Dexter and his selection panel for their "macabre" decision to ignore him for the tour to West Indies.

He also pledged to embarrass Dexter by proving him wrong with a feast of runs and wickets next year.

The 33-year-old all-rounder, the veteran of 99 Tests, said the decision by Dexter was "the greatest disappointment" of his cricketing career.

Botham, who had previously said he would never go on a cricket tour again, recently declared himself available for the West Indies series.

Shortly after the squad was announced Botham said in a radio interview: "So much was done to persuade me to go and now suddenly they are saying 'no.' It is macabre."

"Playing for England still means a lot to me — otherwise, I wouldn't have re-arranged my winter and declared myself available."

When Dexter announced the squad, he said Botham had not shown the form to justify selection.

But Botham countered: "The tour doesn't start until January 27, so what form will anyone be in by then?"

"Surely everyone will be starting afresh, and I would have thought a player with around 5,500 runs and 370 wickets in 90-odd Tests would have warranted consideration."

NFL kicks off with eyes on 49ers, Cowboys

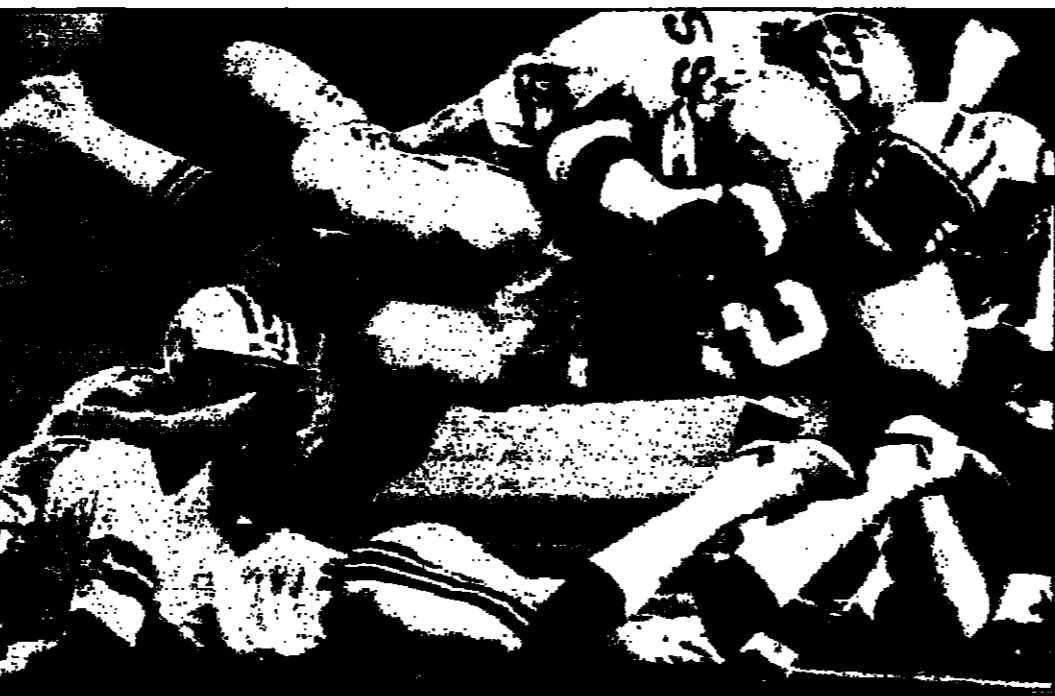
WASHINGTON, (Reuter) — The National Football League faces two burning questions when it opens its 70th season today — can San Francisco win another Superbowl without Bill Walsh and can Dallas regain its glitter without Tom Landry?

The departures of the two famed coaches highlight a host of changes that have rattled the NFL since the 49ers captured their third Superbowl of the decade with a last-minute touchdown against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Six of the 28 clubs will parade new coaches, several teams will be guided by new quarterbacks and the NFL has a new rule which will penalize teams whose fans are too noisy.

Off the field the bitterly divided owners are still looking for a successor to retiring NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle and the League underlined its commitment to a cleaner image by suspending 18 players for use of banned substances, 13 of them for taking anabolic steroids.

Most eyes will be on San Francisco and Dallas where Walsh's former assistant George Seifert will guide the 49ers and former University of Miami coach Jimmy Johnson will pace the



An action shot from one of last year's games.

Cowboys' sidelines in place of Landry.

Seifert has already made one change at San Francisco — ending last year's quarterback controversy by declaring that Joe

Montana will be the starter with Steve Young as his backup.

At Dallas oil millionaire Jerry Jones, who bought the team and summarily fired Landry, the only coach Dallas had ever known,

may find success harder to come by, even under Johnson, his former college roommate.

Jones is pinning his hopes on quarterback Troy Aikman to justify his \$11 million contract by

sparkling a revival. Last season Dallas finished with a 3-13 record, the worst in the NFL.

The New Orleans Saints perhaps have the best credentials to dethrone the 49ers as the best in the National Football Conference's Western Division with an offense powered by 260-pound (118 kg) runner Craig "Ironhead" Hayward.

The NFC Central Division is two-way dogfight between the Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Vikings.

The Bears traded quarterback Jim McMahon to the San Diego Chargers, ending the long feud between the flamboyant passer and coach Mike Ditka. The Vikings, however, are the most solid defensive team in the NFL.

In the East the New York Giants, Washington Redskins and the Philadelphia Eagles enriched themselves with off season acquisitions and a smart college draft.

One of the most controversial of the new rules adopted by the NFL will penalise the home team one timeout each time the game has to be stopped for crowd noise. When the three timeouts are used up a penalty of five yards will be imposed.

French union accused of amateur rules breach

TOULOUSE, France, Sept. 9. (Reuter) — Top French and British Rugby League officials accused the French Rugby Union yesterday of blatantly breaching their own rules on amateurism.

Jean-Paul Verdague, president of the French Rugby League, accused the French union of offering League players cash to play union instead.

Rugby union is an amateur game where payments are forbidden. Rugby League is professional.

Verdague warned at a news conference: "If the unionists want to wage war against us then we will retaliate."

David Oxley, chief executive of the British Rugby League,

threatened to poach top French union players into British Rugby League.

"If French Rugby Union wants to declare war on League, the big English clubs, who have plenty of money, will buy the young French players so they don't go to union," he said.

In Britain in recent years several top rugby union players have been poached away by attractive money offers to Rugby League.

Verdague claimed top French Rugby Union clubs Marmande and Agen had offered sums totalling 320,000 francs (\$51,000) to international League players Daniel Verdes and Eric Vergniol.

Roman to fight Laciari

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9. (Reuter) — Mexico's Gilberto Roman hopes it will be third time lucky when he defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight crown on Tuesday against Argentine Santos Laciari.

Former champion Roman has twice fought Laciari and twice struggled. In their first bout in 1986, the Mexican barely held on to his title when Laciari battled him to a draw.

The last time they met, in May 1987, Laciari stopped a battered and bloodied Roman in the 11th round to win the WBC title. Laciari lost the championship on a points decision to Colombia's Jesus Rojas three months later, then Roman regained it with a unanimous points decision over Rojas in April 1988.

